

## Sighting of albino Black Drongo in Mayiladuthurai District, Tamil Nadu

On 20 August 2021 around 10am, I was watching the birds active in the cropland where we were ploughing our paddy field using tractor.

There were bird species such as Black Drongo, Common Myna, House Crow, Bramini Kite, Black Kite, Small Green Bee-eater, etc were very active to catch their prey which were emerging out from the paddy field after ploughing. Some of the birds were sighted perching on a mango tree and making loud noise.

I saw a white coloured bird which was confirmed as an albino Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus* perching on the same tree along with other companions. I could shoot the photograph of the bird with my Samsung android phone.

Similar observations were made at Amravaty District of Maharashtra by Wadatkar & Wagh (2013) and another case of partial leucism in



Black Drago was observed in a rice field at Agricultural University campus, Thrissur, Kerala (Prasad 2000)

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