

Table 1. Waterbirds recorded in the major wetlands of Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal.

English name	Scientific name	1	2	3
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	+	-	-
Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>	-	+	-
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	+	+	+
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	+	-	-
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	-	-	+
Median Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>	+	-	-
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	+	-	-
Indian Pond-heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	+	-	-
Little Green Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	+	-	-
Black Crowned Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	+	+	-
Malayan Night-heron	<i>Gorsachius melanolophus</i>	-	-	+
Chestnut Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>	+	-	-
Asian Openbill-Stork	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	+	-	-
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	-	+	-
Lesser Adjutant Stork	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>	+	-	-
Lesser Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	+	-	-
Brahminy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	-	+	-
Cotton Teal	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>	+	-	-
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	+	-	-
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	+	-	-
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	+	+	-
Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	+	-	-
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	+	-	-
Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	+	-	-
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Rhodonessa rufina</i>	+	-	-
Ferruginous Pochard	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	-	+	+
Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	+	-	-
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauromis phoenicurus</i>	+	-	-
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	+	-	-
Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	+	-	-
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>	+	-	-
Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	-	-	+
Greater Painted-Snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	-	-	+
Long-billed Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius placidus</i>	-	+	-
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	-	-	+
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	-	-	+
River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelli</i>	+	+	+
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	+	+	+
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	+	+	+
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	-	+	+
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	-	+	+
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	-	-	+
Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>	-	-	+
Small Pratincole	<i>Glareola lactea</i>	-	-	+
Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>	-	+	+
Total		28	14	17

+ present; - absent; 1 - Naratali; 2 - Rydak; 3 - Dima

AN OBSERVATION OF A RANID FROG (*HOPLOBATRACHUS CRASSUS* JERDON, 1853) SWALLOWING A RHACOPHORID (*POLYPEDATES MACULATUS* GRAY, 1834) IN KALAMETIYA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, SRI LANKA

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The observation of an adult *Hoplobatrachus crassus* (Jerdon's Bull Frog) swallowing another adult *Polypedatus maculatus* (Chunam Tree-frog) (Image 1^o) was made at around 2030hr on 2 November 2002 in Kalametiya Wildlife Sanctuary, Sri Lanka. The location was adjacent to the road leading to Kiula - Kalametiya fishing harbor and the habitat was a seasonal pond. The shallow pond had accumulated water from the mid inter-monsoon showers. The surrounding vegetation was grasslands and scrublands. Species identification was done by their colour patterns and other morphological characters based on Dutta and Manamendra-Arachchi (1996).

At the edge of the pond the bull frog swallowed *P. maculatus* slowly by its head. The swallowing took place for about eight minutes after which the bull frog leaped into the water. Bambaradeniya (1997) had recorded a *H. crassus* swallowing a microhylid (*Microhyla rubrum*) in a rice field at Bathalagoda, Sri Lanka.

Microhyla ornata (Ornate narrow mouth frog), *Limnonectes limnocharis* (Common Paddy Field Frog) and *Uperodon systoma* (Baloon Frog) were also recorded from the same pond during the time of observation.

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* See Image 1 at www.zoosprint.org

