

Curriculum vitae Swapna Lawrence

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INTERESTS Behavioural Ecology, Population Biology and Conservation

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

July 2018 – Present **MSc, Ornithology and Conservation Biology**
Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, Coimbatore, India

June 2012 – May 2015 **BSc, Chemistry, Botany and Zoology**
Christ University, Bengaluru, India

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

December 2019 - Present **MSc Thesis**
Advisors: Dr. Shomita Mukherjee, Dr. VV Robin
– Influence of timber plantations on high-elevation understory insectivorous birds in the Nilgiris landscape

October 2017 – July 2018 **Research Assistant**
[Wildlife Conservation Society – India Program](#)
Bengaluru, India
– Threat assessment for Lion-tailed Macaques across the Western Ghats, India

July 2015 – October 2017 **Technical Assistant**
[Wildlife Conservation Society – India Program](#)
Bengaluru, India
– Data compilation, validation and analysis of meta-population dynamics of large mammals

May 2015 – June 2015 **Intern**
[Wildlife Conservation Society – India Program](#)
Bengaluru, India

January 2015 – March 2015 **BSc Thesis**
Advisor: Dr. Antoney PU
– Diversity of avifauna in and around Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Shivanahalli, Bengaluru, India

VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

August 2017 – October 2017 Field volunteer for a PhD research project on elucidating the social system and reproductive strategies of Central Himalayan Langurs (*Semnopithecus schistaceus*) in high altitude forests of Western Himalayas, India

August 2014 – August 2016 Volunteer for Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB), MoEFCC, Government of India

2 April 2015 – 14 April 2015 Transect Survey Assistant for field survey of herbivore populations at Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary with Center for Wildlife Studies

18 April 2014 – 27 April 2014 Transect Survey Assistant for field survey of herbivore populations at Kali Tiger Reserve with Center for Wildlife Studies

PRESENTATIONS

January 2016 Young Ecologists Talk and Interact (YETI),
Student talk, Amity University, Noida, Delhi
Faunal Species Richness of Selected Taxa at Christ University, Bengaluru, India

August 2014 Novel approaches in Biodiversity and its Conservation,
Student talk, Maharani Lakshmi Ammanni College for women
Diversity of Avifauna in Kaikondanahalli lake, Bangalore, India

GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

July 2018 MOEFCC, Govt. of India fellowship for MSc in Ornithology and Conservation Biology, SACON,
Coimbatore

CONFERENCES

December 2019 National Symposium on Avian Biology, IISER Tirupati, India

March 2018 Society for Conservation Biology - Asia Section Conference, Amity University, Delhi NCR, India

September 2016 Student Conference on Conservation Science, Bengaluru, India

January 2016 Young Ecologists Talk and Interact, Amity University, Delhi NCR, India

September 2014 Management of Urban Biodiversity – Issues, Challenges and Solutions, Bengaluru, India.

SKILLS

- Programming Language: R (Basic)
- Software: QGIS, ArcGIS, DISTANCE, DENSITY, SPACECAP, SPSS