COVID – 19 PRECAUTIONS

For Pongal Bird Count 2022 (14-17 January) Participants

Considering the current Covid-19 situation, we request you to adhere to all instructions of Central / Local authorities, while birding.

Please take precautions to ensure the wellbeing of you and those around you. Our local authorities probably haven't issued guidance specific to birding, so here are some precautions to ensure your birding activities align with current health recommendations:

- **Watch/list birds from home or nearby places.** Try to watch and list birds from your terrace, balcony or places not very far from your residence.
- **Keep your optics to yourself.** Don't share your scope, binoculars, or camera with others; disinfect the eye caps of your optics after each birding trip.
- **Maintain distance.** If you are birding near others (whether they are birders or not), maintain at least 6 feet of space between yourself and other people at all times.
- **Share checklists, not phones:** eBird Mobile users should avoid passing phones to review checklists for the time being. Confirm lists verbally before submission and if you need to make changes after you submit, it is easy to share and correct lists on the eBird Mobile app.
- **Wear a Facemask,** once you leave your home and continue to wear it till you return home.
- **Carry a sanitiser or soap,** if you can manage to carry it in your birding bag and use it wherever required.
- **Travel alone,** if it is a two-wheeler and travel with less than 2 other persons in a four-wheeler.
- **On return from birding,** wash your hands with soap immediately and thoroughly. Take a bath if you can manage it.

Your wellbeing and those around you is most important. Please take precautions.