



STUDIES ON AVIFAUNA IN AND AROUND GAUTAM BUDDHA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, GAYA (BIHAR)

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A study of birds in and around Gautam Buddha Wildlife Sanctuary was carried out between April 2010 and March 2011. A total of 51 species of birds belonging to 12 orders were recorded during the study period. The study was divided in 3 habitats, i.e., aquatic habitat (Aq H), shrub by habitat (SH) and mixed forest habitat (MFH), forest habitat was observed to support maximum number i.e., 24 species of birds, followed by aquatic habitat supporting 6 shrub by habitat supporting only 2 whereas 19 bird species was observed to use more than one habitat in the study area.