

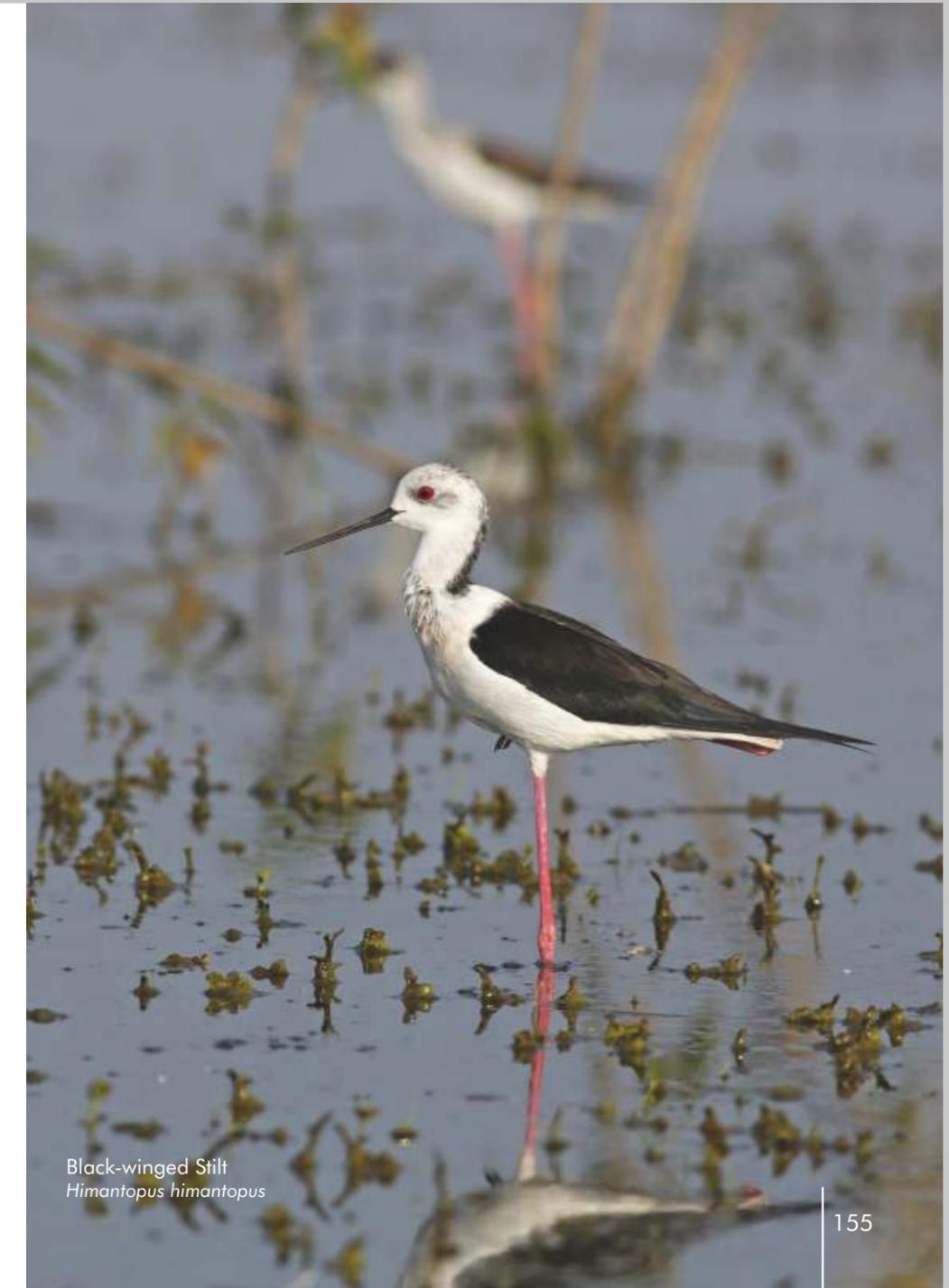
# NANDUR MADHYAMESHWAR BIRD WILDLIFE SANCTUARY



Nandur Madhyameshwar Bird Sanctuary is located in Niphad Tehsil of Nashik district in Western Maharashtra. A stone gate weir was developed in 1907-13 over the stream Godavari just underneath the convergence of Kadwa and Godavari waterways at Nandur Madhyameshwar. The water level is continually fluctuating in Nandur Madhyameshwar Lake. Nandur Madhyameshwar Bird Sanctuary is a suitable place for a great many lovely and transitory fledglings. There are more than 240 types of birds, out of which 80 are migratory species. The migratory flying birds found in this area are White Stork, Glossy Ibis, Spoonbills, Flamingo, Goose, Brahminy Duck, Pintails, Mallard, Wigeon, Gargenery Shoveller, Pochard, Cranes Shanks, Curlews, Pratincole, Wagtails, Godwits, Weavers, and so on. Locally this is referred to as Bharatpur of Maharashtra and efforts are on to notify as a Ramsar site because it's an Important Birds Area (IBA).



Watchtower Near Eco Tourism Complex



Black-winged Stilt  
*Himantopus himantopus*



*Erythrina variegata*



Painted Stork *Mycteria leucocephala*



Demoiselle Crane *Grus virgo*

## Flora

There are around 460 types of plants, out of which about 80 are aquatic plant species. The trees that are found on the edge of the lake are Babul, Neem, Tamarind, Jamun, Maharukh, Vilayati Chinch, Mango, Pangara, Nilgiri and so on. The encompassing zones and somewhat submerged ranges are cultivated for wheat, Jowar, Sugarcane, Vegetables and so forth.

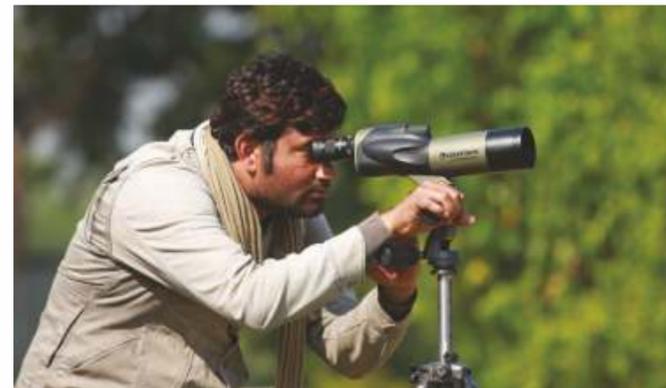
## Fauna

The occupant feathered creatures incorporate Black Ibis, Spot Bills, Teals, Little Grebe, Cormorants, Egrets, Herons, Stork, Kites, Vultures, Buzzards, Harriers, Osprey, Quails, Partridges, Eagles, Water Hens, Sand Pipe, Swifts, Grey Hornbill, Peafowl, and so on. Despite the fact that this haven is mainly a bird sanctuary, numerous other intriguing types of untamed life can likewise be spotted here. The creatures spotted here are Otter, Palm Civet, Fishing Cat, Jackal, Mongoose, Wolves and numerous types of Snakes, and so forth. About 24 types of fishes also have been recorded in the supply.



Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*





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Map Showing The Extent Of Sanctuary Area As Per Notification Dt. 25-02-1986.

- Sanctuary Boundary ———
- Village Boundary ———
- Forest Area ———
- Road ———
- River ———
- Pick Up Weir - - - - -

- Nature Trail
- Road
- Dam
- River and Back Water



1. Nandurmadhyameshwar Village
2. Sidheshwar Temple
3. Madhyameshwar Temple
4. Dam Wall
5. Kadawa River
6. Godavari River
7. Nature Interpretation Centre
8. Forest Department Guest House
9. Khangaon Thadi Vilage
10. Old Guest Hose & Forest Bird Watching Area
11. Manjar Gaon
12. Chapadgaon Eco Tourism Complex
13. Guest House / Tents
14. Bird Watching Gallery
15. Pagoda
16. Watch Tower
17. Watch Tower
18. Watch Tower
19. Watch Tower
20. Chapadgaon Village

**How to reach :**  
**By Air :** Nearest Airport is in Aurangabad at 180 km from Nandur Madhyameshwar.  
**By Rail :** Nearest railway station is Niphad a little station at 12 km on Mumbai-Bhusaval line.  
**By Road :** Nandur Madhyameshwar Bird Sanctuary is located 46 kms from Nashik, 26 kms from Sinnar and 12 kms from Niphad.

**Best season to visit :** October to March. For bird watching, the best recommended time is up to 1-2 hours after dawn and before dusk.