

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Habitat preference of urban birds

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ABSTRACT..... Birds have preferences while selecting a habitat. Habitat may be defined as the place where an organism lives or the place where one would go to find it. In the present study, it was found that birds utilize each of the habitat in different ways depending upon what aspect of their requirement was met there. 45 uncommon bird species with low population at four different study areas were selected for habitat study. Bird showed habitat preferences. The various habitats under study were used by birds for different purposes, some for feeding or nesting, other for roosting or perching, or even as temporary resting place while passing through. Data on the habitat requirements of a species could be useful for predicting the effects of habitat alteration due to human or natural communities. Habitat preference of a species might limit its dispersal and subsequent colonization. It is presumed that species restricted to a habitat would be relatively infrequent in a geographical area and its geographical range would be restricted. Its presence depends on the occurrence of a specific habitat in that area. On the other hand, generalist species would be common, occurring over a large area.

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