

Bird Ringing

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WHAT is Bird ringing? a technique used in the study of wild birds, by attaching a small, individually numbered, **metal** or **plastic tag** to their **legs** or **wings**, so that various aspects of the bird's life can be studied by the ability to re-find the same individual later. This includes migration, longevity, mortality, population studies, territoriality, feeding behavior, and other aspects.

First Bird Ringing session in Pune (Jan 26, 2011, TOI)

The Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) carried out its first bird banding session in **Sinhgad valley** along with a group of bird enthusiasts.

The birds were first caught in a mist net made of very thin nylon threads. The nets were put up in places that are frequently visited by the birds. Around 17 birds were captured, among them four migratory birds, the Asian Paradise-flycatcher, the Leaf Warbler, Grey Wagtail and Red -throated Flycatcher.

The birds caught in the net were weighed and measurements taken of their wings, bill, head, torso and tail. The bill's shape, size, and color can be used to determine the age and sex in certain species. Tracking back the journeys of ringed birds helps us learn about their migratory routes. At present, there is not much information on their movement. Thus, this provides crucial information for the planning of integrated systems of protected areas for the birds.



Ashy Prinia or Ashy Wren-Warbler (*Prinia socialis*)
Clicked at Sinhgad Valley on 13th April 2012, 9.05am



Ring carries a unique sequence which is like a barcode. The information coded tell about the place, date, time, org which carried out ringing.
Clicked at Sinhgad Valley Pune

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