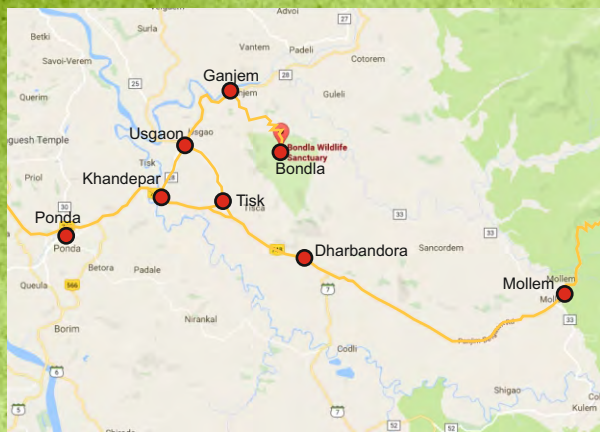


Map (indicative only)



Malabar Trogon / Mangirish Dharwadkar

Distance at a glance

Nearest Airport : Dabolim International Airport

Dabolim - Bondla	53 km
Dabolim - Mollem	60 km

Nearest Railway Station(s) :

Konkan Railway	Margao/ Karmali
South Western Railway	Collem/ Margao/ Vasco
Margao - Bondla	43 km
Margao - Mollem	50 km
Collem - Bondla	43 km
Collem - Mollem	07 km

Nearest Bus-stand :

Panaji - Bondla	60 km
Ponda - Bondla	23 km
Ponda - Mollem	30 km
Mollem - Bondla	36 km

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Purple-rumped Sunbird / Amit Bandekar

Important Dates

Bird Festival :

11th November 2016 to 13th November 2016.

Registration :

15th September 2016 to 15th October 2016 or
upon registration of 200 delegates whichever is earlier.

Accommodation booking at venue :

Upon confirmation of registration on first-come-first-served basis.

Accommodation booking at other places :

To be undertaken at individual level.

Bird Photography contest entries :

Upto 20th October 2016.

Booking of stalls at Bondla :

Limited number of stalls on first-come-first-served basis.



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Bird Festival

The Western Ghats is one of the 25 mega Biodiversity hotspots in the world. The State of Goa by virtue of its location in the Western Ghats also represents a unique confluence of two diverse eco-systems; one influenced by marine environment and the other by the terrestrial forests resulting in astonishing diversity of species with high endemism and habitats. The number of bird species recorded in Goa is 432 against the 1224 species available in India.

The Forest Department of Goa is hosting the first Bird Festival in the State from 11th November to 13th November 2016. This festival is being hosted in association with the *State Tourism Department, Goa Tourism Development Corporation, Goa Science Centre, Infotech Corporation* and non-Government organisations like *Goa Bird Conservation Network, Centre for Environment Education* and *Mhadei Research Centre*.

The Programme

The festival will include -

- Nature/ bird watching trails in Bondla & Bhagwan Mahaveer Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Park, Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary and Carambolim Wetland,
- Lectures / Technical sessions by renowned experts / Ornithologists.
- Photography competition & exhibition.
- Wildlife Film Festival at Goa Science Centre, Miramar.
- Sale of memorabilia, handicrafts and local cuisine made by artisans from Women organisations and Self-Help Groups.

Registration

Registration of participants : Online
Registration fees : Rs.2500/- [includes festival kit, breakfast & lunch for first 2 days, except accomodation], Non-refundable.
Payment mode :Online Payment gateway
Number of participants : 200
Schedule of Registration :
15th September 2016 onwards.
Registration shall close once the number of delegates reach 200.



Malabar Grey Hornbill / Mangirish Dharwadkar

Accommodation

Limited accommodation for registered participants is available at Eco-tourism complex, Bondla and Mollem that shall be confirmed against advance payment on first-come-first-served basis.
Details of accommodation of Goa Tourism Development Corporation at Farmagudi, Ponda as well as other Private hotels in near-by towns are also provided on the website. The participants may make their own stay arrangements by directly contacting the hotels.

Exhibition Stalls

No. of stalls : 12 nos.
Size : 10 m x 4 m
Rental : Rs. 5000/- per day
Location : Bondla
Purpose : For exhibition and sale of books, photography equipment, paintings, local handicrafts, cuisine.

Bird Photography Contest

Participants : Amateur photographers residing in State of Goa.
Theme : "Birds of Goa".
No. of entries : Up to two entries / individual.
Conditions : The photographs must be taken during 1st September up to 15th October.
Entry fee : Nil.
Submission : Copies of the photographs in colour of the size 8"x10" along with soft copies of minimum 1024 pixels on long side to be furnished to Goa Forest Department and GBCN respectively.
Contact : Forest Department or GBCN
Prizes : Best three entries shall be awarded cash prizes.



Greater Flameback / Mangirish Dharwadkar

Web site

All information on the Festival is available on the website 'www.forest.goa.gov.in/birdfestival'