

## Kovai colonies take up eco-conservation

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Environment conservation group at bird watching study in ACC colony on Sunday. —DC

A private firm has roped in the services of Environment Conservation Group (ECG), a city-based NGO, to know the biodiversity of their colonies in Madukkarai.

ACC, a cement and ready mix concrete private limited company in Madukkarai, has 300 residential colonies with a wide variety of trees and birds. To know further about the flora and fauna in this area the company has started a study with the help of experts.

Fifteen people including Coimbatore Birding club, and students from SACON started the bio-diversity study on Sunday. The study will be broadly done in two segments on birds and trees.

“On the first day of the bird-watching program we spotted 28 varieties of birds and some nesting sites in the campus. Some of the birds are rose-ringed parakeet, red-vented bulbul, coppersmith barbet, purple sunbird, hoopoe and white-breasted kingfisher. We will compile a report every weekend and continue the process till the study concludes,” said Mohammed Saleem, president of ECG.

“We are doing this bio-diversity study to make our colonies and residential zones eco-friendly. This bird-watching program would be conducted every weekend. After that there would be a detailed study of tree species in the colony. On the basis of the report and after expert advice we will plant different varieties of tree that are required for birds and its nesting,” said Shyam Sunder, deputy manager of ACC Limited.