

## **Theme 7: Lakes, rivers, estuaries: water quality, biotic resources, sustainable management**

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### **AVIAN FAUNA OF HEBBAL LAKE**

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A field study was conducted to recognize different species of birds at Hebbal lake over a period of three days in the months of July and August 2010. Maximum number of bird species was sighted on the first day and least number of birds was sighted on the third day as the weather on that day was unpleasant. On all the three days of the survey spotted pelicans outnumbered other species of birds as they were group foraging and flying together in formation. It was found that wetland birds like coot etc were basking in the sun and marsh birds such as pond heron and paddy birds were stealthily feeding arthropods.