



# World Sparrow Day

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**World Sparrow Day**, celebrated on **20th March**, raises awareness about the declining sparrow population and emphasizes the need to preserve these vital birds for **ecological balance**.

- **World Sparrow Day:** It was initiated by "**Nature Forever**" in **2010** (a bird conservation organization) and is celebrated in over 50 countries.
  - The **house sparrow** is the state bird of **Delhi and Bihar**, adding to the event's global significance.
- **2025 Theme:** "*A Tribute to Nature's Tiny Messengers*".
- **Key Facts About Sparrow:** Sparrows aid biodiversity by dispersing seeds, but their numbers are declining due to **habitat loss, urbanization, and changes in agriculture**. Conservation efforts focus on **urban greening** and **agroecological practices**.
  - The House Sparrow (***Passer domesticus***), part of the **Passeriformes order** and **Passeridae family**, listed as **Least Concern** on the **IUCN Red List**. It is a social species, found in groups of 8 to 10, chirping and chattering to communicate with each other.

▪ **Few Common Species Habitat and Distribution in India:**

Sparrow Species	Scientific Name	Habitat Preferences	Distribution in India
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Urban and rural areas	Widely distributed across India
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	Woodlands, parks, and gardens	Found in various regions across India, less common than house sparrows
White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	Northern regions, mountainous areas	Mainly in Jammu & Kashmir or Himachal Pradesh
Chestnut-shouldered Petronas	<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>	Dry forests, scrublands	Inhabit regions like Rajasthan or Gujarat
Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	Wet regions, forests	Prefers areas such as Assam or West Bengal
Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>	Coastal areas, wetlands	Commonly seen in coastal regions like Goa or Kerala



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