

## 04<sup>th</sup> & 05<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Let us begin this new year with observing skimmers!

After the successful four years of the Indian Skimmer Count, Bombay Natural History Society in association with [Bird Count India](#) announces the 5th coordinated global **Indian Skimmer Count**. The first phase will be conducted on **04<sup>th</sup> – 05<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025**. Like the previous three years, participants are encouraged to visit any of the short-listed sites or other potential sites of their choice where Indian Skimmers are likely to be recorded on the count dates.

This is an initiative to fill the knowledge gap about the Indian Skimmer population. For participating please register yourself using the link below.

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### HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INDIAN SKIMMER COUNT

- Visit any of the short-listed sites from [here](#) or any other sites of your choosing either on **04<sup>th</sup> January or 05<sup>th</sup> January, 2025** or both the dates
- Count total number of Indian Skimmer at the selected site. For more details on how to count skimmers [CLICK HERE](#)
- Upload your counts to the [eBird mobile app](#), Please see this **PDF** that provides step by step procedure to upload your skimmer counts using the eBird Mobile app. Once uploaded, please share the checklist with the user ID- **Indian Skimmer** or email ID [skimmercount@bnhs.org](mailto:skimmercount@bnhs.org) (Refer to this [article](#) on how to share a checklist.)
- If possible, undertake a careful count of Juvenile, Immature and Adults. See [here](#) for understanding age classification. To learn about how to edit and add additional information in your checklists, see [here](#)
- To add photos and call recordings to your eBird checklist, use the “[add media](#)” link. See [here](#) to know about how to upload media in your checklist.
- We encourage participants to contribute their observations/data through eBird platform. However, participants can also use [Google form](#) **OR** **MS word fill-in data-sheet** to contribute their observations. Email the MS word filled data-sheet to [skimmercount@bnhs.org](mailto:skimmercount@bnhs.org) For details on using datasheet [CLICK HERE](#).

More details for conducting the count will be shared to the registered participants.

**For any queries and clarifications, please contact**

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**Header Image: Flock of Indian Skimmer *Rynchops albicollis* by Srikanth Manneपुरi**