



Common Birds of Singapore



There are over 390 species of birds in Singapore.
Here are a few common species that can be found in urban areas.



Olive-backed Sunbird (Male)

(*Cinnyris jugularis*)

This nectar feeder is often found building nests in roadside greenery, such as Bougainvillea shrubs.



Olive-backed Sunbird (Female)

(*Cinnyris jugularis*)



Black-naped Oriole

(*Oriolus chinensis*)

The Black-naped Oriole often forages for fruit in tall trees. Its nest can be seen hanging from branches in the canopy of the trees.



Eurasian Tree Sparrow

(*Passer montaus*)

The Eurasian Tree Sparrow is often seen near human dwellings, where it forages on leftovers and nests in the eaves of buildings.



Asian Glossy Starling

(*Aplonis panayensis*)

The Asian Glossy Starling often gathers in large flocks. It feeds on fruit and small insects.



Asian Koel (Male)

(*Eudynamys scolopaceus*)

The Asian Koel leaves its eggs in the nests of crows and other birds, tricking them into raising its young. The male has a distinctive call that sounds like its name.



Asian Koel (Female)

(*Eudynamys scolopaceus*)



Zebra Dove

(*Geopelia striata*)

The Zebra Dove often forages on the ground in search of grass seeds and other wildflower seeds.



Collared Kingfisher

(*Todiramphus chloris*)

Usually found near water bodies, this bird has adapted to living in urban areas far from water. It makes a loud call from the crowns of roadside trees.



Yellow-vented Bulbul

(*Pycnonotus goiavier*)

The Yellow-vented Bulbul feeds on a variety of fruit and small animals. It has a distinctive bubbly song.



Pink-necked Green Pigeon (Male)

(*Treron vernans*)

This attractive pigeon often perches in the canopy of roadside trees. It mainly feeds on fruit and helps disperse the seeds of many tree species.



Pink-necked Green Pigeon (Female)

(*Treron vernans*)



Bird Watching Tips

- The best times to bird-watch are 7.30 am – 9.30 am and 4 pm – 6 pm.
- To avoid scaring the birds, keep your volume low and keep a distance from them.
- Refrain from handling birds and eggs.
- Avoid feeding the birds.

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