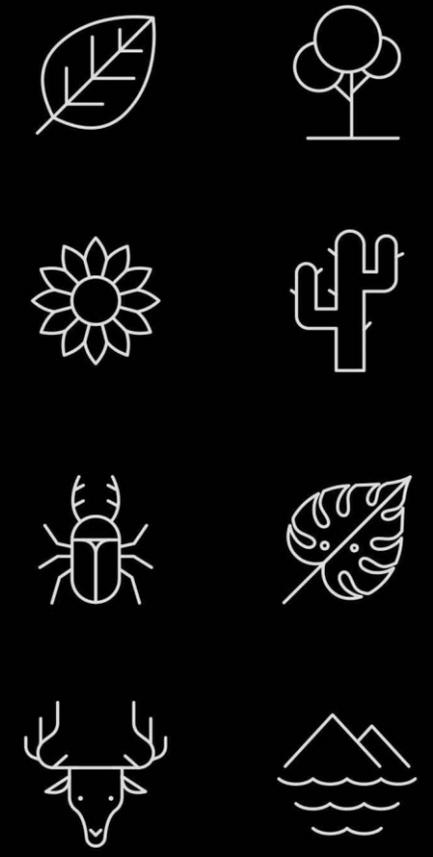
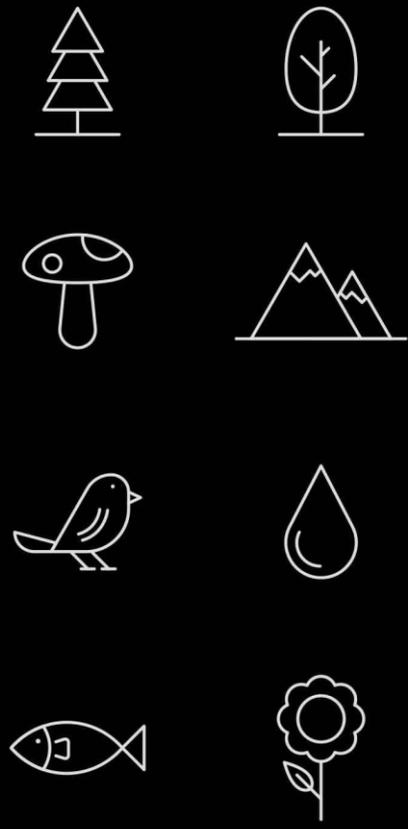
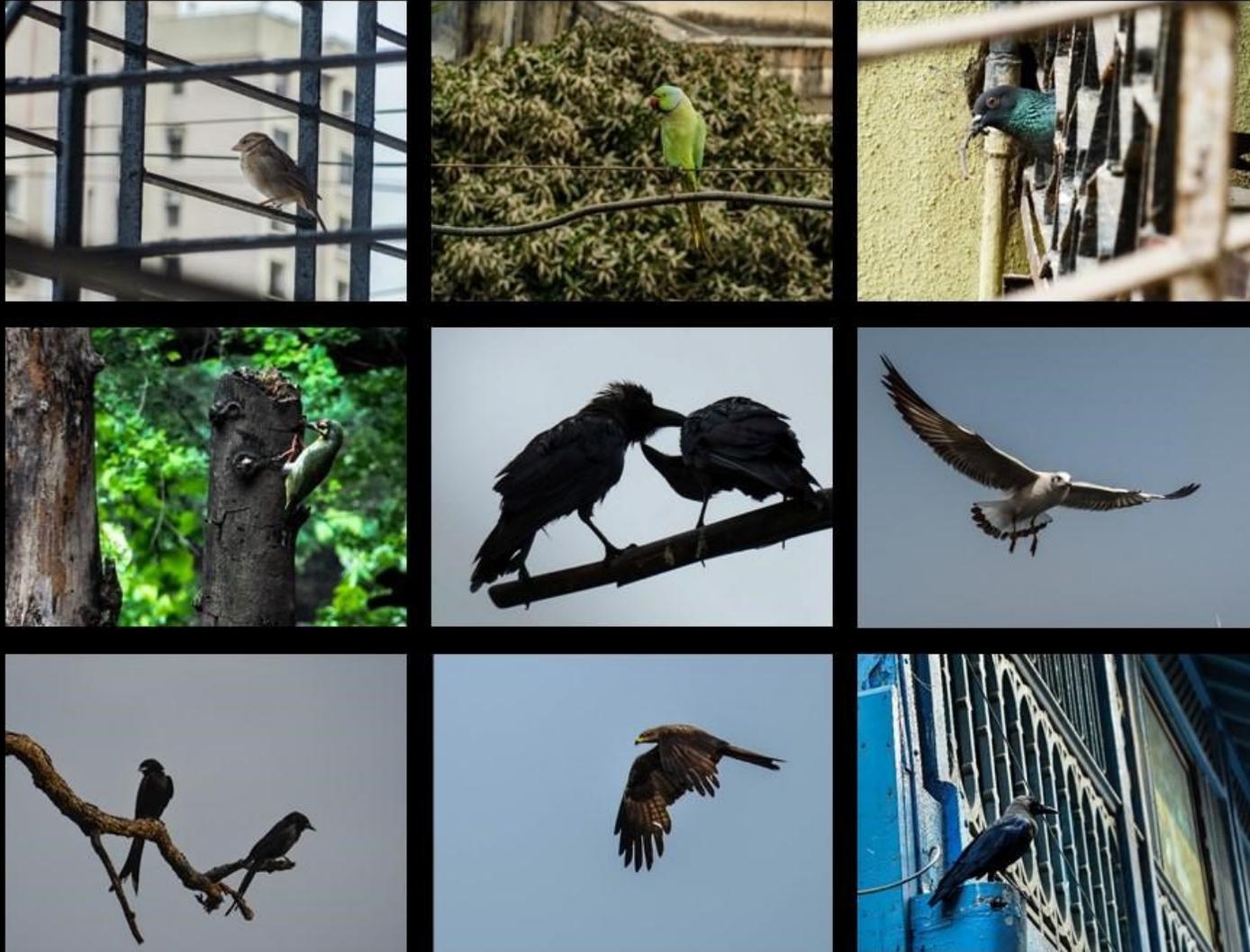


Exploring **nature** all around us

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The **everydayness** of nature



Why observe?

- Diversity
- Our multiple senses
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Innate curiosity and connection
- Behaviour
- Rediscovering early joys



Why document?



- Journaling and record-keeping
- Tracking learnings and findings
- Unlocking creativity
- Something for yourself
- Observation beyond the lens
- Safekeeping

How to document?

Greater Southern Coucal: was on the ground among some dried grass. Initially took one hop backwards when my scooter approached but continued on up unperturbed once I cut the

engine. was approx 10-15ft away from me. walked deliberately and slowly - almost in a gentle waddle - toward a short tree & semi-dry foliage. Taking its time, it hopped/walked upwards, & its toes occasionally fumbling in the entangled, thin branches. when it jumped vertically upward, it lifted its tail and lowered its body, and then pushed itself higher & its tail, which pushed downwards. It didn't land perfectly each time. It preened itself in short, jerky, up-and-down movements of its neck. while cleaning/picking under its wings, the wing would

lift like that of a ladybug - one side at a time. Once it finally clambered up to the top of the tree, it pulled itself up to its full size & looked larger. After looking around for a couple of minutes, it let out one, long, unorthodox hoop-hoop-hoop & 9-11 hoops. (lowered neck & bobbing). After waiting for a response (?) it glided off the tree back onto the ground close by and continued walking & inspecting the ground. [& its brown against the green field, it was so beautiful.] It hopped into a tall patch of dried grass suddenly & clumsily

when a bull walked by it, and kept waddling away at a slightly faster pace until he had passed. It then flew into a small thicket close by.



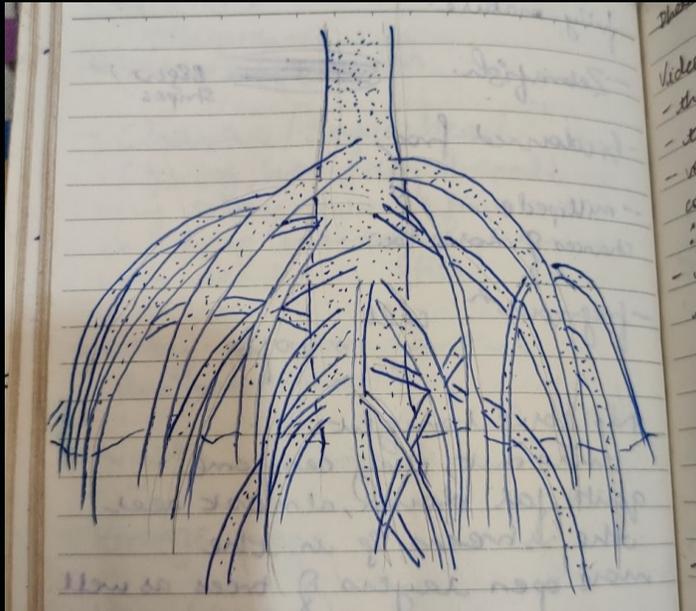
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- Lists
- Sketches/art
- Scrapbooking
- Photography
- Creative writing
- Scribbles/jotting
- Videography
- Sound recordings
- Apps (Gkeep)

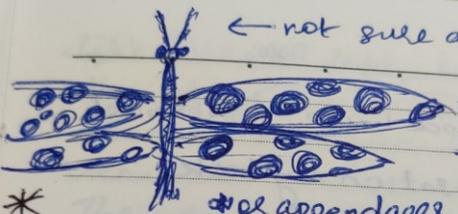
How to document?

WHAT | WHEN | WHERE



Ticket's blue flycatcher -
royal blue back, orange neck
and a whiteish belly,
too thick legs, beady eye,
pointy beak, short & stout.
+ ate grub.

← not sure about antennae*
Date: / /
← This ggg just sat on my cam.
* or appendages.
I was too busy gawking at those translucent wings.



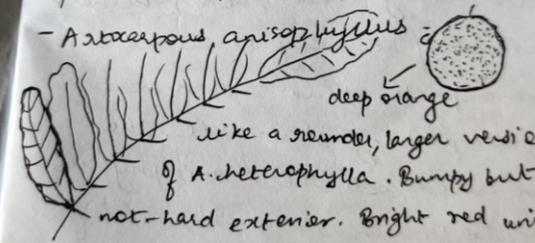
photos
the Malay guy.
VEG SECTION
y makes up
of lunch.
compliment
aitrip for
pm
pilok

- purple throated sunbird
- scaly breasted munias
- chestnut munias
- dusky munias
- buff-vented bulbul
- prevost's squirrel
- A. heterophyllus
- CSE adult

shaded sunbirds
→ same acc to bird

@RDC, 7:35am

deep orange
like a rounder, larger version of A. heterophyllus. Bumpy but not-hard exterior. Bright red warts on the inside.

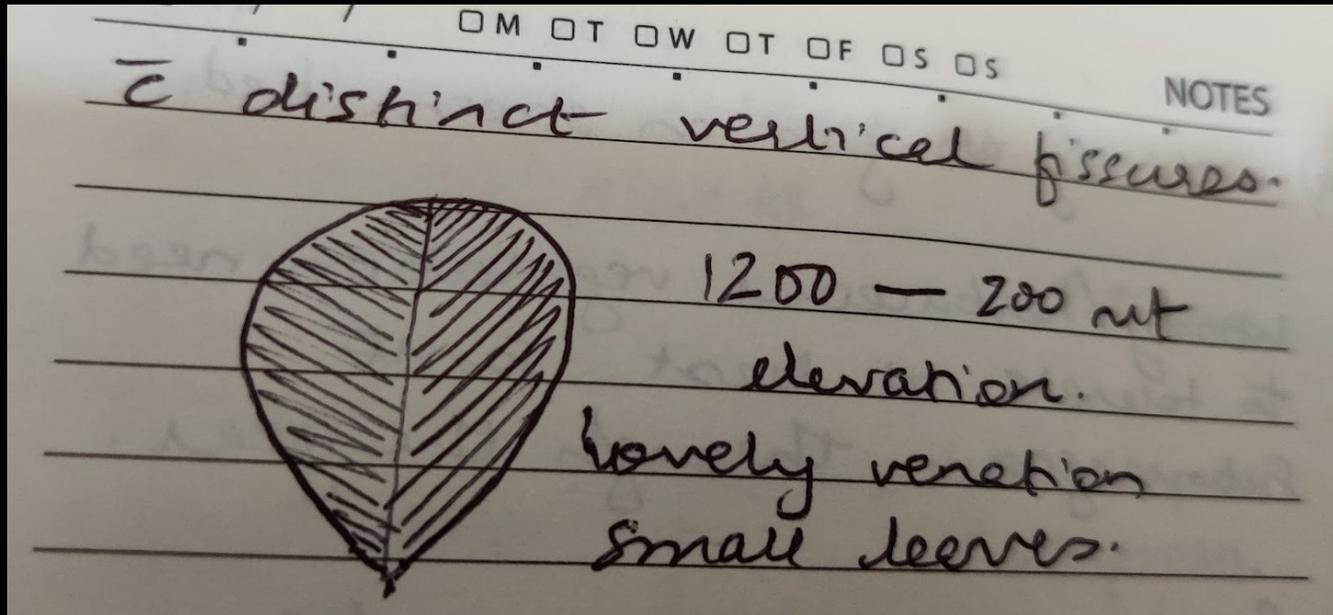


Cicade
uncle also here.
→ *
This guy flew right into the



How to document?

WHAT | WHEN | WHERE



Calophyllum apetalum



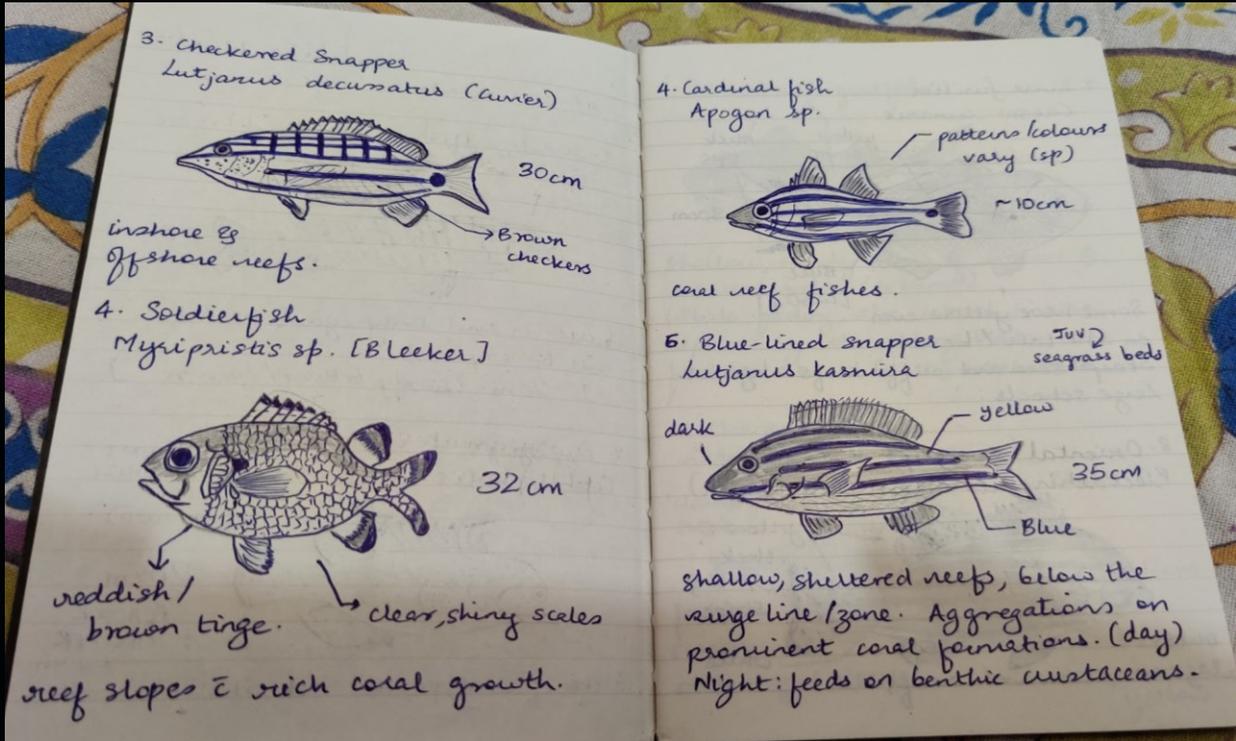
How to document?

3. Checkered Snapper
Lutjanus decussatus (Amier)
30cm
Brown checkers
inshore & offshore reefs.

4. Soldierfish
Myripristis sp. [Bleeker]
32cm
reddish/brown tinge.
clear, shiny scales
reef slopes & rich coral growth.

4. Cardinal fish
Apogon sp.
patterns/colours vary (sp)
~10cm
coral reef fishes.

5. Blue-lined snapper
Lutjanus kasmira
35cm
dark yellow blue
Juv. seagrass beds
shallow, sheltered reefs, below the surge line/zone. Aggregations on prominent coral formations. (day)
Night: feeds on benthic crustaceans.

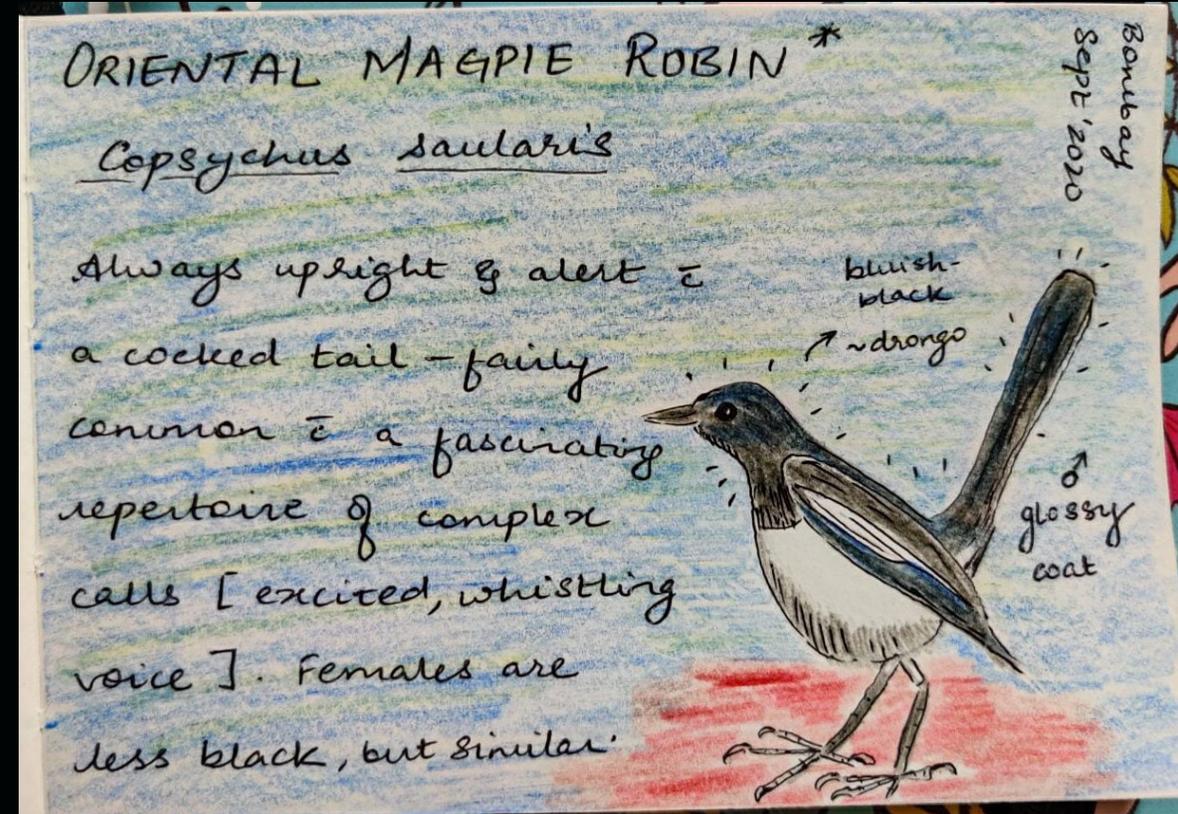


ORIENTAL MAGPIE ROBIN*
Copsychus saularis

Bombay
Sept '2020

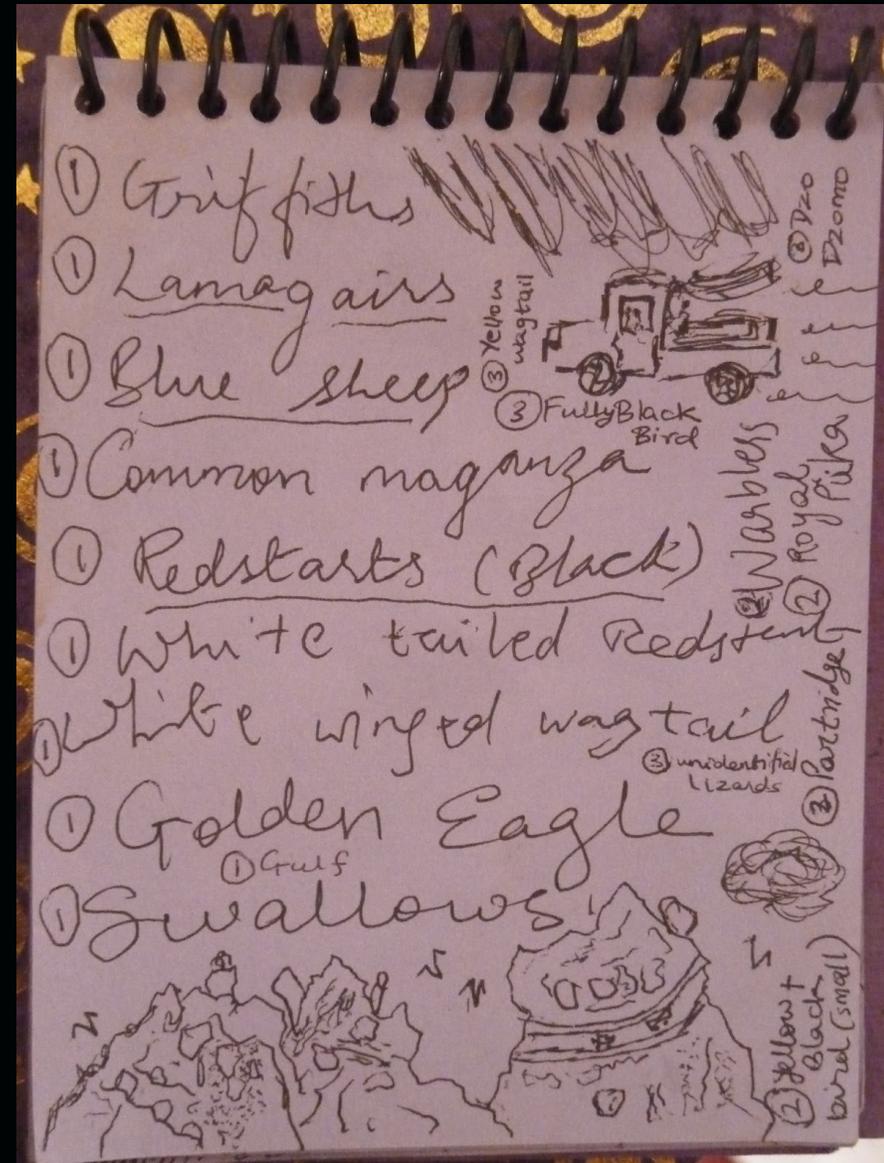
Always upright & alert & a cocked tail - fairly common & a fascinating repertoire of complex calls [excited, whistling voice]. Females are less black, but similar.

bluish-black
~ drongo
glossy coat



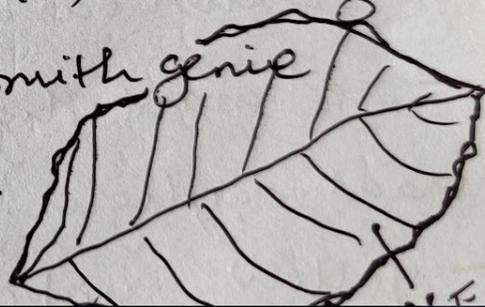
How to document?

Saw a cool bird and Googled what it was called, Imao I hate ornithologists



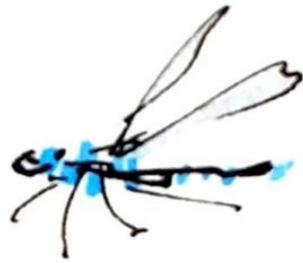
How to document?

↳ buff-rumped woodpecker (2)
- black-naped monarch (2) Just realized
they look like the will Smith genie
from Aladdin.
- PITTAPATH -
elastic



Always be looking and stay curious!





This bird is the Ajith's Ashokan Dragonfly-eater,
Libellivora ajithii,
discovered by the esteemed ornithologist Dr Ajith Kumar in 2023.

90% of its diet has been observed to constitute of dragonflies.



Their massive globular eyes should have been a clue. It turns out dragonflies have souped-up colour vision that's better than anything ever seen in the animal world.

We humans have what's known as tri-chromatic vision, which means we see colours as a combination of red, blue and green. This is thanks to three different types of light-sensitive proteins in our eyes, called opsins. We are not alone: di-, tri- and tetra-chromatic vision is de rigueur in the animal world, from mammals to birds and insects.

Enter the dragonfly. A study of 12 dragonfly species has found that each one has no fewer than 11, and some a whopping 30, different visual opsins.

