



Food and Feeding Habits of Common Birds of Agroecosystems

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Abstract: The kind of food taken and the foraging activities of common birds of agroecosystems were observed in order to know their economic status. Feeding habits of common birds were observed randomly (8AM to 6 PM) from March 2010 to September 2011 in different agrifields, orchards, residences of PAU, Ludhiana city and dairy farm of GADVASU. Blue rock pigeon took dried chapatis, dalia, sooji, wheat flour, wheat, rice, bajra grains and siliqua; eurasian collared dove fed on wheat, rice, bajra grains and siliqua; rose ringed parakeet fed on seeds of *Brassica*, corn and bajra, mango, guava and other fruits; common myna took insects, dried chapatis, rice grains, cooked rice, cockroaches, corn and garbage waste; house crow consumed lot of things such as dried chapattis, bread, wheat grains, insects, larvae, earthworm, ticks, dead rats, dogs, owlets, pigeon etc, corn, mango fruit and garbage waste; common babbler fed on dried chapattis, mulberry fruit, insects; cattle egret takes ticks, insects, red wattled lapwing feeds on insects and pariah kite fed on rat and garbage waste. This threw light on the beneficial and harmful aspects of these birds as they consume the insect and rodent pests of agroecosystems as well as damage agricultural crops and fruits.

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