



Location in Maharashtra, India	
Coordinates:  17.47°N 73.2°E	
Country	 India
State	Maharashtra
District	Ratnagiri
Elevation	10 m (30 ft)
Population (2001)	
• Total	3,205
Languages	
• Official	Marathi
Time zone	IST (UTC+5:30)
PIN	415703
Telephone code	02359
Vehicle registration	MH-08

Flora and Fauna at Velneshwar, Guhagar, Maharashtra.

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Nature trail



Moth (Black and white dotted lines and bristle like legs) .



Moth and Caterpillar



Frog





Algae, primary step of ecosystem.....
Crystal clear water running in small streams .

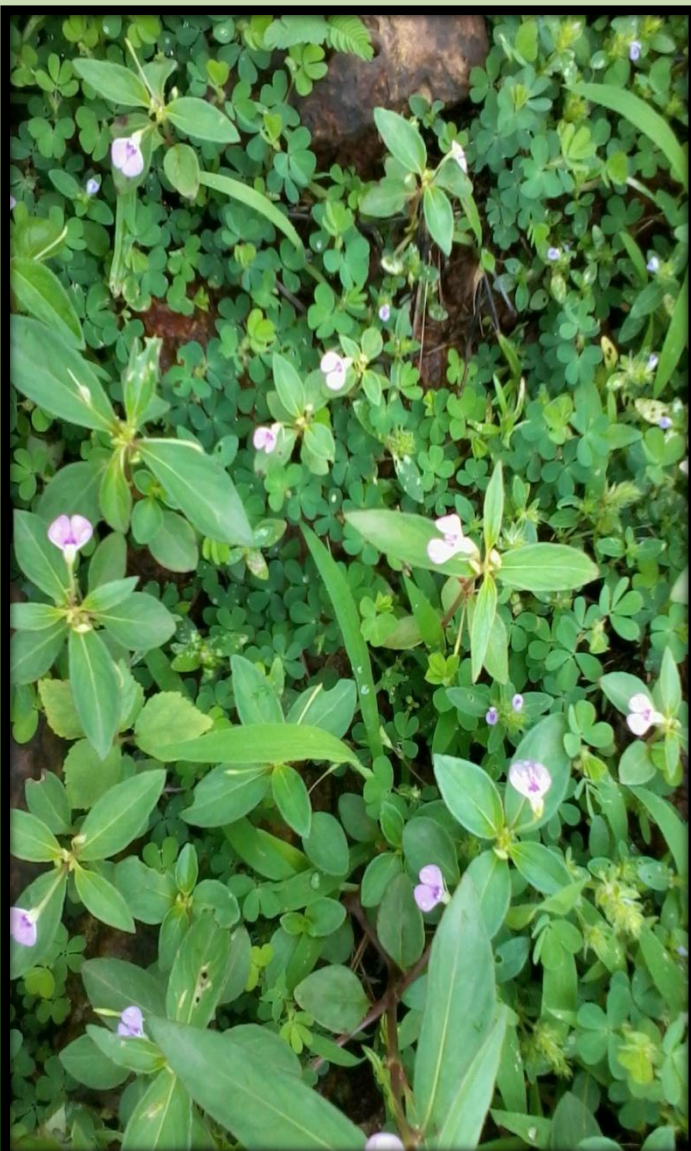
Maidenhair Fern partying everywhere!!



Wild flowering plants near the stream



Flowering plants seen in natural trail.





Anant in Marathi (*Ceropegia anantii*)
and



Pandra kuda-Apocynaceae family;
(*Holarrhena pubescens*)



Clean and sandy beach attracting (migratory birds)
waders in August month.



This Greater Coucal was seen and heard by call which is called as Bharadwaj (a good omen if seen early morning) which derives from its protective habit.



Oriental Magpie Robin (OMR) and known as Parit or Dhobi due to its continuous wagging of its tail.



Black drongo which is having capacity of mimicking 20 different calls of other birds in a jungle or forest.



Brahmany kite which is named due to its white head.



Pond heron as the name suggests always seen near small pond or small natural tank. For a layman person this is always confusing as this guy looks brown in colour when resting/sitting and the white wings are displayed in his flight.



Red wattled Lapwing or Titavi in Marathi. This bird shows a some unique features of bird protective display when someone goes too near to its nest. One of this is broken wing display which is a thrilling event to be watched.



Indian Red Peafowl or Mor in Marathi. Continuous calls could be heard.



This is called as Purple Rumped Sunbird female. We had seen a pair of this species. This bird size is just less than your thumb finger but very active on flowering trees around us.



This is called as Bush chat. We saw the pair of this species feeding in natural scrub jungle around.



The left hand side bird is called as Turtle dove or laughing dove with chess like pattern on its neck. And the right side bird is known as Jungle babbler which is known as Sat-bhai as the name suggest always seen in a party of 10-12 individuals.



A juvenile of Jungle billed crow or Dom-Kavala in Marathi which we saw near college main gate.



This is Small Green Be-eater also known as Veda Raghu which we saw in our trail. Our Marathi names of birds were given according to their behavior or its distinct features. Raghu because his similar colour with Parrot and Veda (crazy) due to its behavior. As when we see this bird, he sits and suddenly jumps in air and comes back in few seconds. He is actually catching a minute insect in air and keeps a keen watch on them.





Were surprised to see a Solar Panel installed which shows environmental friendly resources made available for energy in Velneshwar village.



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