## A unique opportunity for Birders and other Nature Enthusiasts and Photographers at Pitezari waterhole, located in a well-forested area



Just outside the well-known Nagzira Wildlife Sanctuary, this recently-constructed eco-friendly waterhole is a haunt for a large variety of insects, birds and mammals. It is flanked by a permanent hide that enables the observation of these creatures, by day or by night. The place has been designed by Mr Kiran Purandare who is a leading conservationist of Maharashtra and has spent over four thousand days at Nagzira over the last ten years, studying birds and other wildlife. He continues to spend at least three months at Pitezari village in a calendar year.

More than 50 species of birds can be spotted here: Mammals like the Three-striped Palm Squirrel, Common Langur, and Madras Tree Shrew can be spotted during the day and Leopard, Spotted Deer, Common Palm Civet, Sloth Bear, Wild Boar, Blue Bull or the Neelgai can be spotted at night.

It is an ideal destination for nature enthusiasts and photographers in summer (for birders the season is January to June). The hide can be hired from members of the local Gond tribe who maintain it and who also offer hospitality to visitors in suitable accommodation nearby. To accompany enthusiasts on a nature walk in the vicinity, trained guides are available.

Located at a distance of 122 km from Nagpur, Pitezari is in Bhandara district of Maharashtra. For further details and for bookings, please contact Kiran Vasant Purandare, E-mail: <a href="mailto:pakshiweda@yahoo.co.in">pakshiweda@yahoo.co.in</a> https://www.facebook.com/kikasbirdclub/