



Asia Nature Study: SINGAPORE
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Crimson Sunbird (Aethopyga siparaja)

Crimson Sunbird is the official National Bird of Singapore.

A common sight throughout much of its range, this medium-sized sunbird can be found in parks, gardens, and plantations, as well as more pristine open forest and forest edge environments. Male is bright red with a dark gray belly and iridescent blue cap and "moustache." Female is dull olive-yellow overall with brighter underparts. High, squeaky repetitive song is loud but often difficult to locate in high branches. Calls frequently, giving various squeaks and "tsip" notes while foraging. Crimson Sunbirds average 11 cm or 4.3 inches in length.

<https://ebird.org/species/eacsun1>

Handbook of Nature Study by Anna Botsford Comstock:

Pages: 27- 142

Poetry: Little Birds by Lewis Carroll

Little Birds are dining
Warily and well,
Hid in mossy cell:
Hid, I say, by waiters
Gorgeous in their gaiters -
I've a Tale to tell.

Little Birds are feeding
Justices with jam,
Rich in frizzled ham:
Rich, I say, in oysters
Haunting shady cloisters -
That is what I am.

Little Birds are teaching
Tigresses to smile,
Innocent of guile:
Smile, I say, not smirkle -
Mouth a semicircle,

That's the proper style!
Little Birds are sleeping
All among the pins,
Where the loser wins:
Where, I say, he sneezes
When and how he pleases -
So the Tale begins.

Little Birds are writing
Interesting books,
To be read by cooks:
Read, I say, not roasted -
Letterpress, when toasted,
Loses its good looks.

Little Birds are playing
Bagpipes on the shore,
Where the tourists snore:
"Thanks!" they cry. "'Tis thrilling!
Take, oh take this shilling!
Let us have no more!"

Little Birds are bathing
Crocodiles in cream,
Like a happy dream:
Like, but not so lasting -
Crocodiles, when fasting,
Are not all they seem!

Little Birds are choking
Baronets with bun,
Taught to fire a gun:
Taught, I say, to splinter
Salmon in the winter -
Merely for the fun.

Little Birds are hiding
Crimes in carpet-bags,
Blessed by happy stags:
Blessed, I say, though beaten -

Since our friends are eaten
When the memory flags.

Little Birds are tasting
Gratitude and gold,
Pale with sudden cold:
Pale, I say, and wrinkled -
When the bells have tinkled,
And the Tale is told.

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1. Gather the materials you needed- Journals, pencils, water colour, rulers, coloured pencils etc.
2. Describe your observation.
3. Draw what you see.
4. Add measurements, poetry, quotes, titles, label it, pictures, weather/season & time.
5. Write the date, weather, and location.

Something to watch:

<https://macaulaylibrary.org/asset/201679961>

Composer:

Vivaldi: Concerto in D Major "The Goldfinch"

<https://youtu.be/ylnnpH9jj0Y>

Artist Study:

John James Audubon

John James Audubon (born Jean Rabin; April 26, 1785 – January 27, 1851) was an American ornithologist, naturalist, and painter. He was notable for his extensive studies documenting all types of American birds and for his detailed illustrations that depicted the birds in their natural habitats.

<https://www.wikiart.org/en/john-james-audubon>

How to draw a Birds:

John Muir Laws:

How to start a bird sketch: <https://youtu.be/-RnZwQZe7BM>

How to Paint Birds with Watercolor (video): <https://youtu.be/-YCuDNFcFz8>

Here's the video links of getting to know more about Nature journaling.

<https://johnmuirlaws.com/introduction-to-nature-journaling-video/>

<https://johnmuirlaws.com/getting-started-with-nature-journaling-video/>

References:

Handbook of Nature Study by A. Comstock, John Muir Laws, ebird.org, Wikiart & Macaulay library.

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