

DON BOSCO SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Nerul, Navi Mumbai

Report on Nature Trail Visit

Date: 11th September 2025

Time: 8:00 am to 10:00 am

Venue: Taloja Hill, Opp. Hyde Park, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai – 410210

Meeting Point: Nisarg Hyde Park

In-charge Teachers'. Annie Gomez and Tr. Anita Surwade

Introduction

A nature trail was organized for the students of Class VI to X to Taloja Hill. The trail aimed to provide students with an opportunity to explore biodiversity, reconnect with nature, and learn about different species of flora and fauna in their natural habitat. The students assembled at the meeting point at 8:00 am and began their trail under the guidance of the teachers and expert guide Ms. Rosni Thiwary.

Observations

During the walk, students came across a wide variety of species and natural experiences:

- Flora and Fauna Sightings:
 - Students spotted unique plant species such as Silver-spiked Cockscomb, Frilly Lepidagathis, Giant Milkweed, Indian Sundew, American Mint and other seasonal wildflowers.
 - Several species of butterflies were observed, including Common Grass Yellow,
 Chocolate Pansy, Psyche, Lemon Yellow, and Emigrant Butterflies.
 - Insects such as grasshoppers, moths, and carpenter bees were also seen, adding to the diversity.

- • Birdlife:
 - - The melodious calls of Munia and Prinia birds enhanced the natural ambience.
 - Birds like the Greater Coucal, Ashy Prinia, Long tailed Shrike and Green Beeeater were also identified.
- Nature Experience:
 - - Students enjoyed the refreshing environment amidst light rain and mini waterfalls flowing through the hillside.
 - The lush greenery and serene surroundings helped them reconnect with nature and appreciate its beauty.

Student Reflections

- Laiba Tole (Class X): Found the trail highly informative and was fascinated by the discovery of new species.
- Krisha Shetty (Class IX): Expressed joy at getting a chance to reconnect with nature and valued the peaceful environment.
- Shaurya (Class VI): Shared that the trail helped him understand the importance of protecting nature and inspired him to take small steps towards conservation.
- Aarohi (Class VI): Expressed excitement at observing butterflies and waterfalls for the first time in such a natural setting, calling the experience refreshing and memorable.
- Mansi (Class X): Said she enjoyed learning about different plants and birds, and felt the walk gave her peace of mind and a sense of connection with the environment.

Conclusion

The nature trail was an enriching experience for the students, providing both educational insights and recreational joy. It enhanced their awareness about biodiversity, the importance of conservation, and the joy of observing species in their natural habitats.

The group returned to school safely at 11:30 am with fond memories and a deeper appreciation for the natural world.







