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Bird communities in tropical working landscapes: network structure, species importance, and cost-effective monitoring

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BIO

Priyanka Hari Haran is a final-year PhD candidate in Interdisciplinary Ecology at the School of Natural Resources and Environment. She came to UF in Fall 2021 with a master's degree in Ecology and Environmental Sciences from Pondicherry University in India. Before starting her doctoral research, she worked with the Nature Conservation Foundation in India to assess restoration outcomes in rainforest birds. She also has policy experience, having worked as an editorial assistant on India's national report for COP-24. A passionate science writer, her work has been published in Mongabay-India, Yale e360, and several India news outlets. She now dabbles in social science and economics.

SUMMARY



Priyanka's research focuses on understanding how tropical bird communities are structured in mixed-use landscapes. To do so, she uses network analyses, behavioral observations, field experiments, and passive acoustic monitoring in the Western Ghats biodiversity hotspot of southern India. Along the way, she also became interested in assessing the cost-effectiveness of using acoustic monitoring in the Global South compared to the Global North. She will present the results from her dissertation at UF.



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