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Conservationists appalled by killing of birds in Dungarpur

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Within a fortnight of the bird fair held here, where people pledged to conserve the habitats of the bird population, conservationists have reported mass killing of birds at a nature park in Dhuba area in Dungarpur district.

Large number of feathers of birds of various species were seen here by birders who had come for bird count on Sunday. The area is situated some 85 kilometers from the district headquarters. Dhuba is a notified wetland area which receives large number of migratory birds from far off places, said Kamlesh Sharma, an active and tired lover.

A group had gone to the wetland for bird counting but instead they found a large number of feathers. They also said that the area has been plagued by poachers after allegedly hunting birds. “We have found feathers of Comb duck, Spot billed duck, coots, pochards and many other varieties. The illegal killing of the wild birds is shocking and shameful,” said Vinayak Singh Bhatta, a conservationist. It is not only the birds, fish hunting activities were also suspected.

“Fishing is prohibited here while a contract for plucking lotus stems has been given to a local. Now there is a probability of carrying out fishing and bird hunting activities secretly and even selling the birds to private parties,” a source revealed.