Wildlife Conservation Group
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Interim Progress Report: February 2026 – August 2026

Project Title: Vanasuma - A book on common wildflowers in and around Bannerghatta National Park.

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In Collaboration with: Dr T P N Hariprasad, Bangalore University.

VANASUMA: A Kannada field guide that intents to bring about the diversity of wild flowering trees within Bannerghatta National Park, serving as both an educational and inspirational resource. The guide seeks to cultivate a deep appreciation for nature among readers - particularly children by introducing them to the gorgeousness, ecological importance, and cultural significance of native tree species. Through vivid photographs, engaging descriptions, and accessible language, the book aims to nurture curiosity, environmental awareness, and a sense of responsibility toward the conservation of trees and forest ecosystems.

Between February 2026 to August 2026, extensive fieldwork was carried out to study tree species along with recording tree phenology, biodiversity, and photographic documentation, along with literature review of the recorded species.

1. Field visit and observation

Regular field visits at least twice a month were carried out for systematic documentation of the phenological patterns of tree species, particularly their flowering and fruiting periods. These observations were photographed and comprehensive notes on the associated biodiversity, such as lichens, ants, birds, spiders, and insects linked to the marked trees was noted down.

In total, 194 tree species were marked for study. After thorough scrutiny of the tree species, invasive and non-native species were excluded and about 120 trees were finalized for the book.

During this study period, photographic documentation of the phenology was undertaken, along with continuous observations. Several meetings were conducted with senior taxonomist for identification and confirmation of the trees species, book template etc. and book designer for book template.

2. Literature review

Books such as Flora of Bangalore, Flora of the Bombay Presidency, Flora of British India and research articles were referred for further and taxonomic information. These references also aided in distinguishing species with identification keys. Published Field Guides and books on Trees from various authors were also refereed.

3. Description writing:

Accurate identification of tree species requires detailed descriptions, particularly of their distinguishing characteristics. Each species description includes the Kannada and English names, taxonomic classification, distribution, morphological features, propagation methods, and uses of the species.

4. Trees of the Week

To extend its outreach, the group operates an Instagram page named “Wildlife Conservation Group,” featuring a special column titled “Trees of the Week.” This initiative presents a new tree species every week, emphasizing its ecological importance and practical uses to foster environmental awareness.

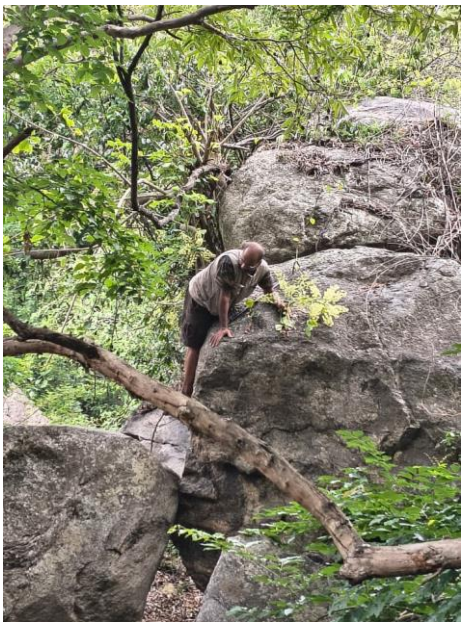
Main outcome of research: (February 2026 – August 2026)

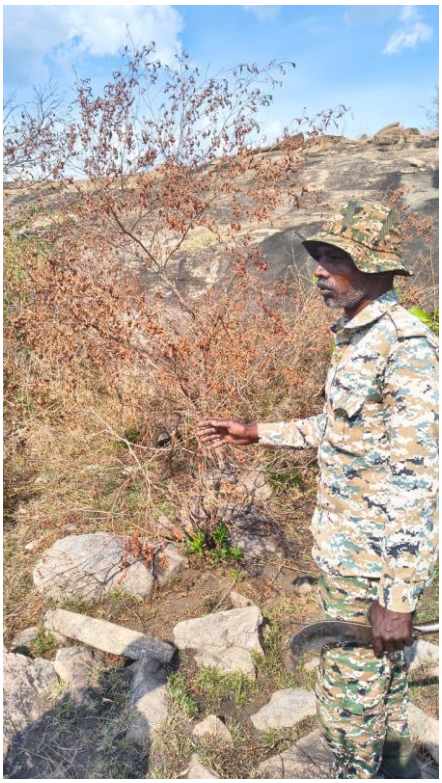
- **GPS-marked trees: 194**
- **Overall target: 120-130**
- **Species described: 120**
- **Remaining: 0-10**

During this period, continuous recording of seasonal changes of the plant species, photographic documentation, finalizing the template for book design, and mainly species description and text content for the book is being continued.












In the next few months, we aim to complete the book and bring it out for distribution to public institutions, schools and colleges etc and conduct orientation programme/s to underline the significance of nature conservation and the aid of our published book in providing curiosity and motivation towards trees and environment.