

YETI mailing list

Description and guidelines

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Welcome to the YETI (Young Ecologists Talk and Interact) mailing list. This mailing list fulfils the specific function of serving as an announcement board for News, Opportunities and Events related to ecology in India.

We define ecology broadly to include the academic disciplines of environmental, ecological, behavioural, wildlife, biodiversity, and evolutionary sciences, as well those social sciences that intersect with these subjects; together with any non-academic pursuits related to these.

tl;dr -- Posting checklist

As quick reminder, please go through the following checklist before you post to YETI

- Is the post related to ecology? *If this is not clear from the content, ensure you add a description of the connection to ecology and ecologists.*
- Is the subject line clear and descriptive? *See examples below.*
- Have you included at least a paragraph of text with a description? *That is, not just an attachment.*
- Are appropriate links and/or contact details given in the text of the message? *That is, not just in an attachment.*
- If you are announcing a paid event/workshop/course, is this clearly described in the text?

If you have answered **YES** to all these questions, you are ready to post! A fuller description of the YETI mailing list and posting rules is below.

Audience

The YETI mailing list is primarily intended for students and researchers in the ecological sciences, broadly considered (see above). Having said this, anyone is free to subscribe to the list.

Suitable posts

The following is a (non-exhaustive) list of kinds of posts that are suitable for the YETI mailing list. Examples of appropriate subject lines are in italics.

- Funding opportunities (grants, fellowships, etc)
Subject example: "Grant: small grants in conservation"
Subject example: "Fellowship: ecological research"
- Announcements of online or in-person courses related to ecology
Subject example: "Course: Online course in Basic ornithology"
Subject example: "Course: In-person course in species distribution modelling"
- Announcements of workshops and webinars related to ecology
Subject example: "Workshop: GIS in ecology"
Subject example: "Webinar: open natural ecosystems"
- Information related to ecology
Subject example: "New resource: website on beetles"
Subject example: "Newsletter: butterflies and moths"
- Information being sought related to ecology
Subject example: "Information needed: citizen science in ecology"
Subject example: "Questionnaire: ecosystem services"
- Opportunities to volunteer, intern or otherwise join work related to ecology
Subject example: "Internship: frugivory by bats"
Subject example: "Volunteer opportunity: conservation outreach"
Subject example: "JRF position: Bird song complexity"
- Announcements of admission to degree programmes in ecology
Subject example: "PhD admissions: IISER Tirupati"
Subject example: "MSc admissions: Pondicherry University"

Unsuitable posts

These are examples of unsuitable posts:

- Anything unrelated to ecology (moderators have discretion on borderline cases)
- Posts containing only a link or a poster attachment, without any descriptive text in the body of the email.
- Posts without a descriptive subject line (see above for examples)
- Messages from those seeking a position (eg an internship, a research position, etc)
- Advertisements for ecotourism tours or other such commercial services (although NGOs, institutions, and individuals doing capacity building activities, but charging a nominal fee is permissible)

Guidelines for posting

- In general, if you have an announcement or opportunity to circulate, you can post on this group -- but only if it is related to ecology in some way (see definition above).
- Send a detailed email about the opportunity or event to be advertised, with relevant contact details; the YETI moderators will not be able to answer queries regarding the posts.
- Attachments for posts need to be below 5Mb in size to be forwarded on the mailing list, please modify attachments accordingly.
- Posts with only a link or attachment will not be accepted. You must write at least a paragraph of descriptive text in the body of the email so that recipients are not forced to click on the link or open the attachment to see what the general theme is.
- Similarly, all posts must have a descriptive subject line, or they will not be accepted. Just “webinar” or “opportunity” is not enough. See above for examples.
- If you are announcing an event or opportunity, you may send reminders, but no more than two messages a week should be about the same event/opportunity. More frequent reminders will be deleted by the moderators.
- Please do not post repeated messages from the same organisation within a short period of time (the same day). Multiple opportunities at a single organisation should be posted in a single message.
- Paid events related to training and skills (workshops, courses etc) are allowed to be posted.

Moderation

Emails sent to meet.yeti@gmail.com are moderated before being posted/forwarded to the mailing list. Those meeting the guidelines above will be posted on the list. Posts that do not meet the guidelines will be held back. Moderators will attempt to inform posters if their posts are not appropriate for the group and why, but moderation capacity is limited and this will not always be possible. So if your post doesn't meet the guidelines it will not be posted, and you may not be informed.