

Red-Necked Falcon

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Recently, a rare Red-necked falcon was sighted in Kawal Tiger Reserve.

About Red-Necked Falcon

- The red-necked falcon (*Falco chicquera*) is a **bird of prey in the falcon family**.
- It has two disjunctive populations, one in **India and the other in Africa**.
- **Appearance:** It is a medium-sized bird of prey recognised for its distinctive reddish-brown crown and neck, bluish-grey upperparts, **sharp talons, and agile flight**.
- **Habitat:** The species is usually found in **open woodlands, dry deciduous forests**, scrublands, and agricultural fields.
- **Distribution:** **India** up to Himalayan foothills and terrai; **Nepal, Pakistan** and Bangladesh, South of Sahara in **Africa**.
- **Characteristics**
 - It is known for its **hunting abilities**. It usually **hunts in pairs**, often at dawn and dusk.

- They are mostly resident but may make nomadic movements in response to weather.
- **Diet:** It feeds on small birds, insects, reptiles, and rodents.
- **Threats:** Habitat degradation, deforestation, pesticide usage, and disturbance in nesting areas are among the major threats.
- **Conservation Status**
 - **IUCN:** Near Threatened

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