

Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary

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Recently, the survey to estimate the population of the Indian giant squirrel has commenced in the ecologically sensitive Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary in Pune district.

About Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary

- **Location:** It is located in the northern **part of the Western Ghats in Maharashtra** (spread over the three districts Pune, Thane and Raigad).
- It is named after Lord 'Bhimashankar' (one of the twelve Jyotirlingas).
- It was declared as a Wildlife **Sanctuary in 1985**.
- **Rivers:** Two major tributaries of river Krishna namely **Bhima and Ghod originate from this area**.
- **Vegetation:** Major forest types are **western subtropical broad leaved hill forest** to moist deciduous types with a few included small patches of evergreen forests.
- **Flora**

- **Sacred Groves (Deorais):** The sanctuary has **14 unique sacred groves** protected by socio-religious rules.
- It also consists of *Bilschmiedia dalzellii*, *Mangifera indica*, *Olea dioica*, *Syzygium cumini*, *Carallia brachiata*, *Myristica malabarica*, *Diospyros malabarica*, *D. montana*, *D. sylvatica* and *Symplocos racemosa*.

- **Fauna**

- The main wild speies are **Giant Indian squirrel** (*Ratufa indica elphinstoni*), Panther (*Panthera paradus*), Sambar (*Cervus unicolor*), Mouse Deer *Tragulus memina*, Hyaena (*Hyaena hyaena*), Wild boar (*Sus scrofa*).

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