

Yellow-Throated Marten

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Yellow-Throated Marten Latest News

Kaziranga National Park recently recorded its first sighting of the yellow-throated marten, highlighting Assam's conservation success.

About Yellow-Throated Marten

- The yellow-throated marten, also known as the **kharza**, is a marten species found in forested regions throughout **Southern and Eastern Asia**.
- A **marten is a slender-bodied mammal** belonging to the **weasel family** (Mustelidae), which also includes otters, badgers, ferrets, and wolverines.
- Scientific Name: *Martes flavigula*

Yellow-Throated Marten Habitat and Distribution

- Their range extends **throughout the Himalayas**, as far south as **Indonesia**, and as far north as the **Korean Peninsula** and the **Chinese-Russian border**.

- They occupy a variety of habitats. They live in **coniferous and broad-leaved forests, montane forests, tropical dry and moist forests.**
- They are also found in shrublands, lowland swamps, and treeless mountains.

Yellow-Throated Marten Features

- It is the **largest of the Old World martens** and is notable for its **flexible and muscular appearance.**
- Adult males range from 50 to 71.9 cm in length.
- The lengthy **tail** is about **two-thirds of their body length.**
- The head is black or dark brown, the **back and underside** are **light brown or yellow**, the **chest and throat** are **bright yellow or golden**, and the tail is mostly black or dark brown.
- Summer coloration is darker and duller than in winter.
- It is a **fearless animal** with **no natural predators, because of its powerful build**, its **bright coloration** and **unpleasant odor.**

Yellow-Throated Marten Conservation Status

It is classified as '**Least Concern**' under the IUCN Red List.

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