

About Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary

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About Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary:

- It is located in Palamner – Kuppam forest ranges of **Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh**.
- It is the **only sanctuary** in the whole state **housing Asian elephants**.
- This Sanctuary comes **under Project elephant** – a Country wide Elephant Conservation Project taken up by Government of India.
- **River Kaigal and River Kaundinya** flow through this sanctuary and is characterized by **high hills, deep valleys**.
- **Flora:**
 - **Forest type: Southern tropical dry deciduous forest**, with patches of thorn, scrub and grassy plains.
 - Plants like Albizzia amara, Ficus glomerata, Zizyphus xylocarpus, Gymnosporia Montana, etc; make this a **green panoramic place** with a breathtaking floral diversity.
- **Fauna:**
 - Insects like Painted grasshopper, Plain tiger butterfly, Common grass yellow butterfly etc.
 - **Reptiles** like Common cobra, Rat snake, Indian rock python, Forest calotes, Skinks, etc.
 - **Birds** like Partidges, quails, storks, Cotton teal, etc; make this Sanctuary their domicile.

- **Mammals** like **Indian Elephant**, Panther, Sloth bear, Wild boar, **Chowsingha**, **Nilgai**, **Hyena**, **Jackal**, etc.
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Q1) Do Asian elephants live in India?

More than 50% are in India, where their range is largest. Populations live in just a few pockets of land in Sri Lanka. In Sumatra, elephants have lost 70% of their native habitat. Asian elephants live in tight-knit groups of about six or seven related females that work together to raise their young.

Source: [Rough estimates put the number of elephants at around 60 in Railway Kodur, Rajampeta, Sanipaya, and Balapalle ranges.](#)

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