

Kuno National Park

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Recently, the elusive Caracal, often referred to as the “flying cat”, has been recorded at Madhya Pradesh’s Kuno National Park after decades.

About Kuno National Park

- **Location:** It is located in the Sheopur district of **Madhya Pradesh**.
- It derives its **name from the meandering Kuno River** (one of the main tributaries of the Chambal River), which flows from south to north and divides the park into two sections.
- It is nestled near the **Vindhyan Hills**.
- Originally established as Kuno Wildlife Sanctuary in 1981, it was upgraded to a national park in 2018.
- **Terrain:** The park’s terrain is **dotted with plateaus, valleys, and seasonal rivers**, creating varied ecosystems.
- **Vegetation:** The park boasts **diverse vegetation**, including tropical dry deciduous forests, savannah grasslands, and riverine forests.

- **Flora:** Dominant trees include Khair (*Acacia catechu*), Salai (*Boswellia serrata*), and Ber (*Ziziphus mauritiana*).
- **Fauna**
 - The protected area of the forest is home to the **jungle cat, Indian leopard, sloth bear**, Indian wolf, striped hyena, golden jackal, Bengal fox, and dhole, along with more than 120 bird species.
 - It was selected under the **'Action Plan for Introduction of Cheetah in India'**.

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