

## Greater Sand-Plover

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### Greater Sand Plover Latest News

A Greater Sand Plover (*Anarhynchus leschenaultii*), a migratory shorebird typically found along coastal mudflats and estuaries, was recently spotted at Chandu village, marking the fifth documented record of the species in the region.

### About Greater Sand Plover

- It is a **small wader** in the **plover family of birds**.
- Scientific Name: *Charadrius leschenaultii*

### Greater Sand Plover Habitat and Distribution

- Found from **Turkey to Jordan, Central Asia, Siberia**, Mongolia, and **northern China**, **wintering** along the **coasts of Africa, the Middle East, the Indian subcontinent, southern China, Japan**, Southeast Asia, and **Australasia**.
- It **breeds in high-elevation areas**, where it favors **arid, open habitats**, sometimes near water.
- **Winters** on **coastal mudflats and estuaries**.

## Greater Sand Plover Features

- It is a medium-sized plover with a **long, hefty bill**.
- **Breeding adults** have a **dark mask** and **orangish chest, neck, and forehead**; females are duller than males.
- Non-breeding birds and immatures are sandy brown above and white below, with a white throat and “eyebrows.”
- Additionally, unlike some Lesser Sand-Plovers, Greater never has a **black boundary around the throat**.
- There is a thin band over the white of the forehead.

## Greater Sand Plover Conservation Status

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

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