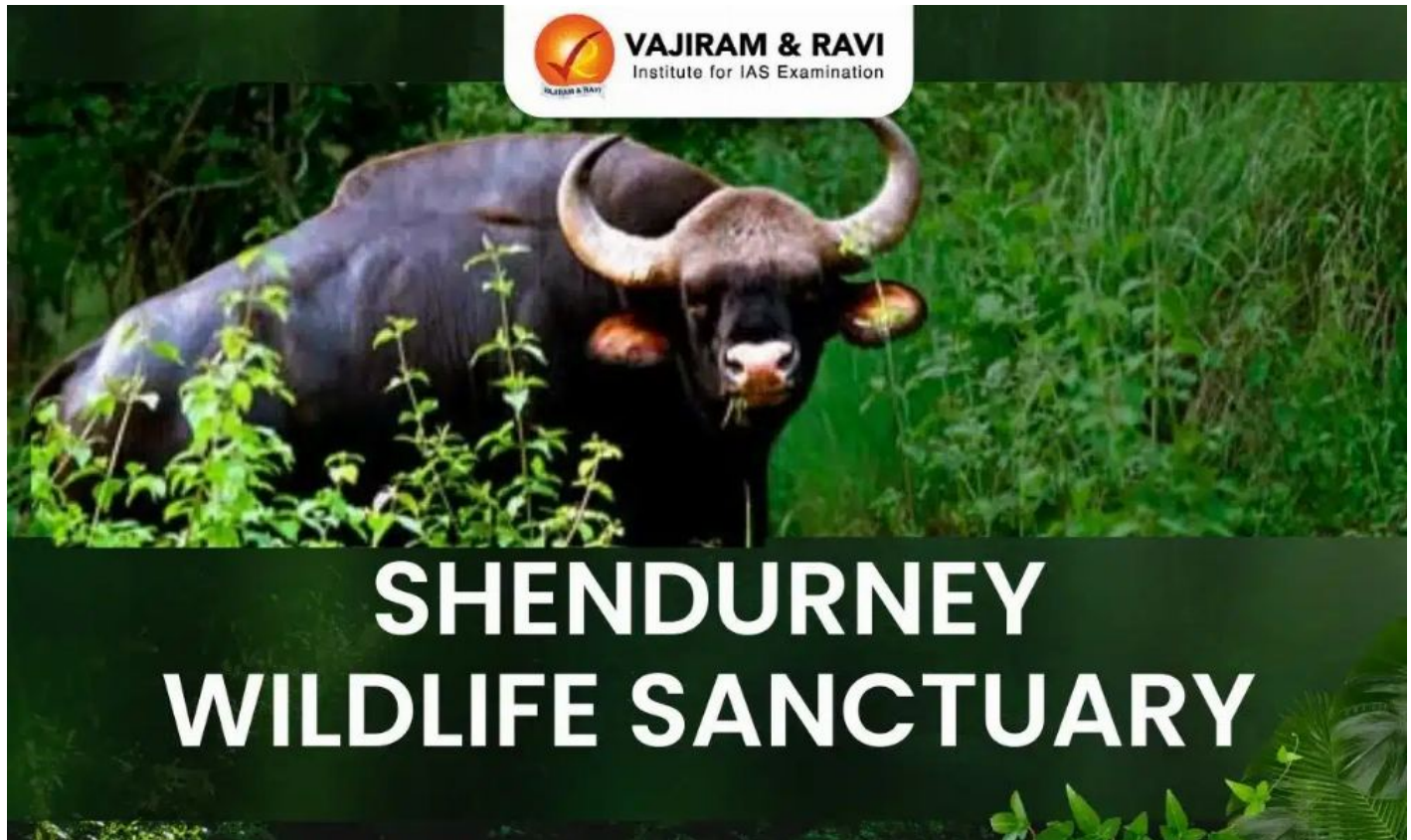


## Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary

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### About Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary:

- It is located in the **southern part of the Western Ghats** in the Kollam district of **Kerala**.
- It spans an area of approximately 172 sq.km. and forms **part of the Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve**.
- Most of the Sanctuary area is hilly and interspersed with ravines.
- **Drainage:** The major rivers are **Shendurney, Kazhuthuruthy, and Kulathupuzha**, which join together to form the Kallada River.
- **Flora:**
  - The vegetation primarily consists of **tropical evergreen** forests, **semi-evergreen** forests, and **moist deciduous** forests.
  - The name "**Shendurney**" is derived from the **name of a tree species, Gluta travancorica, locally known as 'Chenkurunji'**, which is **endemic** to this region and found in abundance within the sanctuary.
- **Fauna:**
  - Notable mammals include **elephants, tigers, leopards**, gaurs (Indian bison), sambar deer, barking deer, wild boars, and bonnet macaques.

- The sanctuary also supports a significant population of **Nilgiri langurs and lion-tailed macaques**, both of which are **endemic to the Western Ghats**.
  - Over **200 species of birds** are recorded in the sanctuary. Some of the notable species include the **great Indian hornbill, Malabar pied hornbill**, grey-headed bulbul, white-bellied treepie, and various species of woodpeckers, flycatchers, and raptors.
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### **Q1: Which are the sanctuaries located in the Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve?**

Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve includes three wildlife sanctuaries namely Shendurney, Peppara and Neyyar.

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