

Rollapadu Wildlife Sanctuary

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About Rollapadu Wildlife Sanctuary

- It is located in the state of Andhra Pradesh.
- It lies between the Nallamalai and Yerramalai hill ranges of the Eastern Ghats.
- It was declared a sanctuary in 1988 to protect the dwindling populations of the critically endangered Great Indian Bustard.
- Uniqueness: It is the only GIB Sanctuary in Andhra Pradesh.
- It owes its genesis to the discovery of the endangered Great Indian Bustard (GIB).
- Flora: About 32 species of grassed like *Aristida funiculata*, *Chrysopogon fulvus*, *Heteropogon contortus*, like *Cassia fistula* (Golden shower tree), *Butea monosperma* (Flame of the forest), *Acacia* spp, *Ziziphus mauritiana*, etc.
- Fauna:
 - The grassland Sanctuary is rich in invertebrate fauna particularly the insects that form a major part of the diet of most of the birds.
 - Land monitor lizards, Geckos, Skinks, Saw-scaled viper; etc. So far about 6 species of amphibians have been recorded here.
 - There are about 124 bird species like the Lesser florican, Demoiselle crane, Black stork, White stork, Harriers, etc;

- These plains are also a home to endangered mammals like the Golden jackal, Indian wolf, Black buck, Chinkara; etc.
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Q1) What is the Great Indian Bustard?

It is a bustard found on the Indian subcontinent. It is among the heaviest of the flying birds. The species has a current viable population of 100- 150 individuals in India and mainly survives in the Thar Desert of Rajasthan that holds about 100 individuals

Source: [Is the Great Indian Bustard on the verge of local extinction?](#)

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