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The rare Southern Birdwing, one of India's largest butterflies, has been recorded in the Kollapur Range of the Amrabad Tiger Reserve, marking its first documented sighting in Telangana.

About Southern Birdwing

- The Southern Birdwing, also called the '**Sahyadri Birdwing**', is a **large and striking butterfly endemic to South India**, majorly in the **Western Ghats**.
- Scientific Name: *Troides minos*
- It is **India's second largest butterfly** species.
- It is the **state butterfly of Karnataka**.

Southern Birdwing Habitat and Distribution

- Found **up to 3,000 feet (910 m)** in the **Western Ghats**.

- Found in diverse habitats from lowland evergreen forests near the coast to mixed deciduous forests, dry scrub, and agricultural fields.

Southern Birdwing Features

- It has a wingspan of 140–190 mm.
- In adult butterflies, the **upper side of the forewing** is **glossy black** with **white-bordered veins**.
- The **hind wings** have a **golden yellow colour**, with **black borders**, spots, and veins.
- In **females**, the **forewings** have prominent **grey-white vein stripes**. On the hind wings, there are rows of large triangular black spots.
- They are active in the early morning hours. They have a slow flight and usually prefer to fly above the trees.

Southern Birdwing Conservation Status

It is classified as '**Least Concern**' under the IUCN Red List

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