

Great Eared Nightjar

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About Great Eared Nightjar :

- The name 'nightjar' comes from the **bird's nocturnal habits** and the fact that its calls are often described as jarring.
- Their diet usually consists of smaller insects. Instead of making nests really high up on trees, they typically roost on the ground or low branches.
- Nightjars are well known for their silent flight, which is due to the structure of their feathers. Hence they can easily sneak up on their prey and also move away without anyone noticing, if faced with a potential threat.
- Unlike other birds, the Great Eared Nightjar lays its eggs directly on the floor instead of building a nest.
- **Habitat:** These birds prefer to dwell in thick forests, woodlands and mangroves. Since they are nocturnal, you can catch them flying only at dusk or dawn, searching for food.

- **Distribution:** The Nightjar can be found roaming the skies from parts of **India and Sri Lanka to the Malay Peninsula, the Philippines, and Indonesia.**
 - **Conservation status**
 - IUCN: Least Concern
 - **Threat:** Due to rapid loss in their habitat, they are under threat.
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Q1: What are Mangroves?

It is a dense salt-tolerant forest found along tropical and subtropical coastlines. Covering approximately 4,740 square kilometers, they are a unique ecosystem which offer ecological as well as economic utility for coastal areas.

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