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Golden-headed Cisticola Latest News

Recently, Golden-headed Cisticola bird was discovered for the first time in the Mathikettan Shola National Park, Idukki in the southern Western Ghats after an extensive gap.

About Golden-headed Cisticola

- The Scientific Name of the Golden-headed Cisticola is *Cisticola exilis*.
- It is also known as the **bright-capped cisticola**, is a species of warbler in the family Cisticolidae.
- It is omnivorous, primarily eating invertebrates such as insects and small slugs, but also eating grass seeds.
- **Habitat of Golden-headed Cisticola:** It is usually found in **grasslands** in the mountain ranges.
- **Distribution of Golden-headed Cisticola:** It is found in **Australia and Asian countries**. In India it has been observed in parts of **Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and northern Kerala**.
- **Golden-headed Cisticola Appearance:** Male birds have distinct **golden-orange plumage** on their head, neck, and chest during breeding. They also have pinkish beaks and black streaks on their backs. They can be easily identified by their distinctive call.

- The bird was previously spotted in the grasslands of Banasura Hills in Wayanad.

- **Conservation Status**

- **IUCN:** Least Concern

Mathikettan Shola National Park

- It is located in the southern part of the Palakkad Gap in the **Western Ghats of Kerala**.
- **Vegetation of Mathikettan Shola National Park:** It houses **evergreen forests, moist deciduous forests**, shola grasslands and semi-evergreens.
- Three streams namely Uchillkuthi Puzha, Mathikettan Puzha, and Njandar being the **tributaries of Panniyar**, originate from the hill ranges of Mathikettan.
- **Highest Point of Mathikettan Shola National Park : Kattumala** is located in the eastern border of the park **adjoining Tamil Nadu**.
- **Muthavan tribes** are situated about the northeastern borders of Mathikettan Shola.

Golden-headed Cisticola FAQs

Q1. Why is the Golden-headed Cisticola called the tailor bird?

Ans. The Golden-headed Cisticola is its habit of sewing leaves together with cobweb to form (and conceal) its nest.

Q2. What is a Cisticola?

Ans. These are a genus of very small insectivorous birds

Q3. What is the Golden-headed Cisticola habitat?

Ans. It lives in sub-coastal areas, wetlands, swamp margins

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