

Black Eagle

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About Black Eagle

- It belongs to the **family Accipitridae**, and is the only member of the genus *Ictinaetus*.
- These are large and distinctive dark eagle of forested mountains and hills.
- The distinguishing feature of the majestic bird is its striking yellow beak, a vibrant contrast to its black feathers.
- They soar over forests in **the hilly regions of tropical and subtropical South and Southeast Asia**, as well as southeastern China.
- **Distribution:** They are found in the **Indian states of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir**, forests of the **Eastern and Western Ghats in peninsular India**.
- **Conservation status**
 - **IUCN:** Least concern

Key features of Chail wildlife sanctuary

- It is located in the state of **Himachal Pradesh**.
- It comprises part of the catchment area of a **tributary of the Giri River**.
- **Flora:** It is densely covered by Oak and Pine, apart from grassland.
- **Fauna:** It includes animal species of wild boar, goral, sambar, spotted deer, Himalayan black bear, common langur, Indian porcupine, flying squirrel, etc.

Q1) What is a wildlife sanctuary?

A wildlife sanctuary is a protected area of land that has been designated to provide a safe and secure habitat for wildlife species. The primary purpose of a wildlife sanctuary is to conserve and protect the biodiversity and natural habitats of various plants and animals.

Source: [A rare black eagle spotted at Chail wildlife sanctuary](#)

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