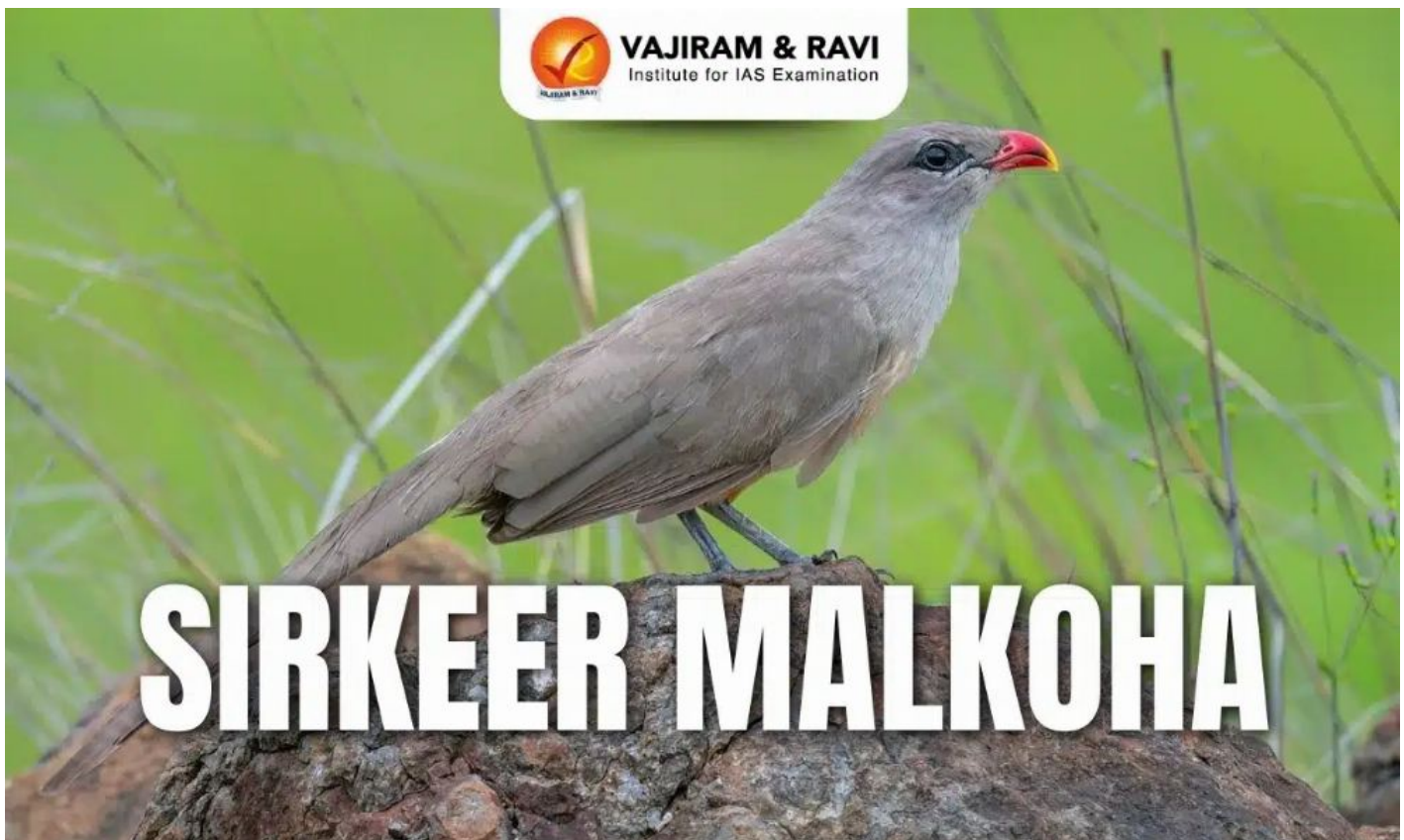


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Sirkeer Malkoha Latest News

The rare Sirkeer Malkoha (*Taccocua leschenaultii*), a bird species typically found in Uttarakhand's plains, has been recently recorded for the first time in the Uttarkashi district.

About Sirkeer Malkoha

- The sirkeer malkoha, or **sirkeer cuckoo**, is a **special type of cuckoo bird**.
- **Scientific Name:** *Taccocua leschenaultii*
- **Unlike some cuckoos**, it **does not lay its eggs in other birds' nests**.
- **Distribution:** This species is widespread across the **sub-Himalayan Indian subcontinent**, extending into **Bangladesh, Sri Lanka**, and, more patchily, into **Pakistan and Rajasthan**.
- **Habitat:** It is typically found in **scrub and thin forest habitats**, often **favoring hilly terrain** but generally residing below an altitude of about 1500 meters above sea level.

Features of Sirkeer Malkoha

- It is about 42–44 centimetres long.
- It is notable for its **long tail** and the **rich olive-brown plumage** adorning its **upper side**.
- The **underparts** are typically a **lighter shade**, sometimes **with a yellowish tinge**.
- It has a **unique curved red beak with a yellow tip**.
- Its **legs are grey**.
- These birds are **very quiet**, and **male and female** sirkeer malkohas **look exactly alike**.
- These birds have **special feet called zygodactyle feet**. This means **two toes point forward and two point backward**. This **helps them grip branches** and move on the ground.
- They eat small lizards, insects, and sometimes berries and seeds.
- **Conservation Status:** IUCN Red List: **Least Concern**

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