

Blue-and-White Flycatcher

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Blue-and-White Flycatcher Latest News

A male blue-and-white flycatcher, a small and striking migratory bird rarely seen in India, was recently spotted on Pavagadh Hills, Gujarat.

About Blue-and-White Flycatcher

- It is a **migratory songbird** in the Old World flycatcher family, Muscicapidae.
- **Scientific Name:** Cyanoptila cyanomelana
- It is also known as the **Japanese flycatcher**.

Blue-and-White Flycatcher Distribution

- It **breeds in Japan, Korea**, and in parts of **northeastern China** and the **Russian Far East**.
- It **winters in Southeast Asia**, especially in Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Sumatra, and Borneo.
- **Habitat:**

- It lives in **wooded areas in lowlands and submontane forests** such as taiga, wooded slopes, and gullies at up to 1200 metres of elevation.
- It can also be found in **scrub, bushes, and plantations**.

Blue-and-White Flycatcher Features

- **Adult males** have most of the **upperparts cobalt-blue, including upperwing coverts**, flight feather edges, and tail.
- On the **underparts**, the chin, throat, breast, and flanks are **black**, whereas the **belly** and vent are **white**.
- The **bill is black. Eyes** are **dark brown**.
- **Female** is **different**. She has **grey-brown upperparts**, including head and face. **Wings** are **blackish**, with broad rufous-brown edges on tertials.
- On the **underparts**, the chin and throat are grey to **grey-brown**, with **distinct creamy throat patches**.

Blue-and-White Flycatcher Conservation Status

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

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