

# Glimpses of the Wild

*India is known not just for its cultural diversity but also for its heterogeneous wildlife. From the temperate north to the tropical south and everything in between, the nation is home to some amazing and varied species of animals and birds. Here is a visual treat from some of the nation's wildlife sanctuaries.*

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Changthang in Ladakh, one of India's special ecological regions, is home to Tibetan Wild Ass, popularly known as Kiang. ←



Indian Skimmers, classified as Vulnerable by IUCN and Birdlife International, find their natural habitat in the Mahanadi river belt. They can be sighted at the Satkosia Wildlife Sanctuary, Odisha. ←





Male Satyr Tragopans at the Singalila National Park, West Bengal. This crimson-horned pheasant is found in the Himalayan reaches of India.



The Spiti valley in Himachal Pradesh is one of the few places in the world where one can spot the shy and elusive Snow Leopard. The Himalayan Snow Leopard Research Centre to be set up in Spiti shall give a further boost to research and conservation of this rare species in the country.





Black-and-orange Flycatcher is one of the species endemic to the Western Ghats, the Nilgiris, and Palani ranges in southern India.

As noted biologist George Schaller put it, the Blue Sheep are 'goats with sheeplike traits'. Their brownish grey to greyish blue fur often serves as a camouflage. In Spiti valley where they are found in good numbers, they are also known as the Bharal.







The Red Fox found in the Himalayan region has a white-tipped tail. It is mostly found in cold desert regions.



Rhacophorus cf. rhodogaster (a species of gliding frog) inhabits the evergreen forests at Eaglenest Wildlife Sanctuary in Arunachal Pradesh.