

Bird Sanctuary in India

Almost all the **bird sanctuaries in India** remain open from morning to evening throughout the year. The best time to explore any bird sanctuary in India is during the winter, though the breeding season for most species varies between June and September. The season lets visitors perceive colorful, lively, and rare migratory birds.

Here is the list of the best bird sanctuary in India state-wise, comprising mixed species of birds who migrate from junctions of the world.

List of Bird Sanctuaries In India (State-Wise)

Look at the list of states and their bird sanctuaries discovered in India. An interesting thing to note is: The biggest bird sanctuary in India is the Bharatpur bird sanctuary, whereas the **first bird sanctuary in India is Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary**.

State	Bird Sanctuary of India
Andhra Pradesh	Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary
	Sri Lankamalleswara Wildlife Sanctuary
	Kondakarla Ava Bird Sanctuary
	Manjira Bird Sanctuary
	Sri Penusila Narasimha Wildlife Sanctuary
	Uppalapadu Bird Sanctuary
	Pulicat Lake Bird Sanctuary
	Kolleru Bird Sanctuary
	Atapaka Bird Sanctuary
	Rollapadu Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary
Bihar	Nagi Dam Bird Sanctuary
Delhi	Okhla Bird Sanctuary
	Najafgarh drain bird sanctuary
Goa	Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary
Gujarat	Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary
	Wachana Bird Sanctuary
	Porbandar Bird Sanctuary
	Gaga Wildlife Sanctuary

	Nal Sarovar Bird Sanctuary
	Kutch Bustard Sanctuary
Haryana	Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary
	Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary
	Khaparwas Wildlife Sanctuary
Himachal Pradesh	Kais Wildlife Sanctuary
	Gamgul
	Bandli Wildlife Sanctuary
	Pong Dam Lake WLS (declared as a Bird Sanctuary In 1983)
Jharkhand	Udhuwa Lake Bird Sanctuary
Karnataka	Mandagadde Bird Sanctuary
	Bankapura
	Adichanchunagiri Wildlife Sanctuary
	Gudavi Bird Sanctuary
	Bonal Bird Sanctuary
	Ghataprabha Bird Sanctuary
	Magadi Bird Sanctuary
	Attiveri Bird Sanctuary
	Bankapur Peacock Conservation Reserve (Bird)
	Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary
	Kaggaladu Bird Sanctuary
	Kokkare Bellur Community Reserve (Bird)
Kerala	Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary
	Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary
	Kadalundi Bird Sanctuary
	Pathiramanal
	Thattekad Bird Sanctuary
Madhya Pradesh	Karera Bustard Sanctuary
	Ghatigaon Bustard Sanctuary
	Sardarpur Kharmor (Lesser Florican) Sanctuary

	Sailana Kharmor (Lesser Florican) Sanctuary
Maharashtra	Nandur Madhmeshwar Bird Sanctuary
	Jawaharlal Nehru Bustard Sanctuary
	Karnala Bird Sanctuary
	Mayani Bird Sanctuary
	Jaikwadi Bird Sanctuary
	Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary
Mizoram	Lengteng Wildlife Sanctuary
Nagaland	Khonoma Nature Conservation and Tragopan Sanctuary
Odisha	Chilika Lake Bird Sanctuary
	Nalabana Bird Sanctuary
Punjab	Harike Lake Bird Sanctuary
Rajasthan	Keoladeo National Park/Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary
	Tal Chhapar Sanctuary
	Desert National Park
Tamil Nadu	Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary
	Thirupudai- Maruthur Conservation Reserve (Bird)
	Ariyakulam Bird Sanctuary
	Vaduvoor Lake Bird Sanctuary
	Point Calimere Bird Sanctuary
	Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary
	Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary
	Udayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary
	Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary
	Vellode Birds Sanctuary
	Vettangudi Bird Sanctuary
	Suchindram Theroor Birds Sanctuary
Sikkim	Kitam Bird Sanctuary
Uttar Pradesh	Sandi Bird Sanctuary
	Samaspur Sanctuary

	Sur Sarovar Bird Sanctuary
	Saman Sanctuary
	Okhla Sanctuary
	Lakh Bahosi Sanctuary
	Bakhira Sanctuary
	Patna Bird Sanctuary
	Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary
Uttarakhand	Asan Barrage Bird Sanctuary
	Jhilmil Jheel Conservation Reserve (Bird)
Uttar Pradesh	Thasrana Bird Sanctuary (Dhanauri Wetlands)
West Bengal	Rasikbill Bird Sanctuary
	Chintamani Kar Bird Sanctuary
	Raiganj Wildlife Sanctuary/Kulik Bird Sanctuary
	Kulik Bird Sanctuary (Raiganj WLS)

The Great Indian Bustard, including its characteristics, habitat, and top GIB national parks, by clicking on the link provided.

5 Important Bird Sanctuaries in India

Listed below is the basic information about the top bird sanctuaries in India, the best months to visit them, their location, bird species found there, and their open timings. Get the complete details of the largest bird sanctuary, the most famous bird sanctuary in India, and other details related to the bird sanctuaries.

Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary - Largest Bird Sanctuary in India

Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary is also referred to as Keoladeo National Park or Keoladeo Ghana National Park, Bharatpur bird sanctuary is among the largest bird sanctuaries in India. This avifauna sanctuary in Rajasthan, containing similar kinds of birds of a region or environment, is declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a protected sanctuary.

- This bird sanctuary is a dwelling of more than 360 bird species.
- The largest sanctuary in India also contains other animal species like Boar, Sambar, Nilgai, and Chital.
- It is a delightful site for nature enthusiasts and wildlife fans.

Visiting Timings	8 am – 5 pm
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Location	Bharatpur, Rajasthan
Birds Species Found	Cranes, shanks, stints, larks, wagtails, hawks, warblers, wheatears, flycatchers, pelicans, geese, ducks, eagles, buntings, and pipits
Best Visiting Months	August, October, November and February
Ticket Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INR 50 per person for Indians • INR 100 for rickshaw rides • INR 400 per person for foreigners

Jawaharlal Nehru Bustard Sanctuary - Famous Bird Sanctuary in India

The most famous bird sanctuary in India is Jawaharlal Nehru Bustard Sanctuary, found near Solapur and possesses a vast population of Indian bustards. The exotic birds that stop here in this sanctuary for a break make the place a famous bird sanctuary.

- The months from August to January are known as the Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary, as these are the best months to visit this place.
- Other fauna species found in this sanctuary are wolves, common mongoose, and Indian foxes.

Visiting Timings	6 am – 6 pm
Location	Nannaj, Maharashtra
Birds Species Found	Indian bustard, laughing love, shikra, spot-billed duck, grey francolin, and snake eagle
Best Visiting Months	October – January

Chilika Lake Bird Sanctuary in India

The biggest brackish water lake in India, Chilika Lake Bird Sanctuary in India, contains more than 260 migratory species of birds that move from Ladakh, the Himalayas, the Caspian Sea, the Aral Sea, Russia, Mongolia, etc., to this sanctuary every year.

- Several birds arrive at this bird sanctuary for breeding and stay for months.
- Chilika Lake is utilized as a fishing zone, and salt pans are discovered near the coasts.
- The area has many other fauna species, including crabs, crustaceans, limbless lizards, prawns, and Irrawaddy dolphins.

Visiting Timings	08:00 A.M. to 05:00 P.M.
Location	Nalaban, Odisha

Birds Species Found	Flamingos, Geese, Eagles
Best Visiting Months	October to March
Ticket Price	Free entry

Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary in India

The most famous bird sanctuary in India, covering an area of 1.43 sq. km., is Sultanpur bird sanctuary in Haryana. During winters, many migratory birds fly from Siberia, Eastern Europe, Turkey, and Russia to here. More than 250 species of regional birds are seen here, and more than 100 species emigrate during various times of the year.

Visiting Timings	6 am – 4:30 pm
Location	Gurgaon Farukh Nagar Rd, Sultanpur, Gurugram, Haryana
Birds Species Found	Black-necked stork, white-throated kingfisher, rock pigeon, rose-ringed parakeet, great egret, red collared dove, cattle egret, laughing dove Indian roller, red wattled lapwing, common mynah, etc.
Best Visiting Months	October to February
Ticket Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INR 5 per person for Indians • INR 40 per person for foreigners

Thattekad Bird Sanctuary in India

Thattekad is the first bird sanctuary in Kerala, India. It constitutes an evergreen lowland forest by the banks of the Periyar river. One of the renowned ornithologists, Salim Ali, described the sanctuary as the “richest bird habitat in the Indian peninsula,” consisting of vibrant bird varieties.

Visiting Timings	6 am – 6 pm
Location	Kothamangalam-Pooyamkutty Road, Nyayapally PO, Thattekad, Kerala
Birds Species Found	Indian pitta, cormorant, Indian cuckoo, Jordan’s nightjar, Orange-headed thrush, large-billed leaf warbler, and oriental darter
Best Visiting Months	November – February
Ticket Price	INR 10 per person