

Bengal Florican

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About Bengal florican

- The Bengal florican (*Houbaropsis bengalensis*), also called Bengal bustard, is a bustard species native to the Indian subcontinent, Cambodia, and Vietnam.
- The species has two disjunct populations, one in the Indian Subcontinent (Uttar Pradesh, Assam, and Arunachal Pradesh), the other in South-East Asia.
- It is the only member of the genus *Houbaropsis*.
- Adult Bengal floricans range from 66–68 cm in length and stand around 55 cm tall.
- The male has black plumage from the head and neck to underparts. Its head carries a long lanky crest, and the neck has elongated display plumes.

Conservation Status Bengal Florican

- It is listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List because fewer than 1,000 individuals were estimated to be alive as of 2017.
- The bird is listed under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act of India, 1972 and Appendix I of CITES.