

BuxaTiger Reserve

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About BuxaTiger Reserve

- Buxa Tiger Reserve is a tiger reserve in northern West Bengal, India, that spans 760 square kilometres .
- It varies in altitude from 60 metres in the Gangetic Plains to 1,750 metres on the Himalayan border in the north.
- The reserve is home to at least 284 different bird species.
- 1st Asian elephants, gaur, Sambar deer, clouded leopards, and Indian leopards are among the mammals present.
- In 1997, the Government of West Bengal declared it a national park.

Flora

- More than 450 species of trees, 250 species of shrubs, 400 species of herbs, 9 species of cane, 10 species of bamboo, 150 species of orchids, 100 species of grass and 130 species of aquatic flora including more than 70 sedges (Cyperaceae) have been identified so far.
- There are more than 160 species of other monocotyledons and ferns. The main trees are sal, champa, gamhar, simul and chikrasi.

Forest Include

- Northern dry deciduous
- Eastern Bhabar and Terai sal
- East Himalayan moist mixed deciduous forest
- Sub-Himalayan secondary wet mixed forest
- Eastern sub-montane semi-evergreen forest
- Northern tropical evergreen forest
- East Himalayan subtropical wet hill forest

- Moist sal savannah
- Low alluvium
- Savannah woodland

Fauna

- 284 bird species were recorded including Eurasian griffon (*Gyps fulvus*), Amur falcon (*Falco amurensis*), Malayan night heron (*Gorsachius melanolophus*), Oriental pied hornbill (*Anthracoceros albirostris*), rufous-necked hornbill (*Aceros nipalensis*), chestnut-breasted partridge (*Arborophila mandellii*), cinnamon bittern (*Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*), stripe-breasted woodpecker (*Dendrocopos atratus*), velvet-fronted nuthatch (*Sitta frontalis*) and black-naped oriole (*Oriolus chinensis*).
- The Narathali lake, Raidāk and Jayanti rivers provide habitat to migratory birds like common merganser (*Mergus merganser*), Eurasian teal (*Anas crecca*), black-necked crane (*Grus nigricollis*), black stork (*Ciconia nigra*), and ferruginous pochard (*Aythya nyroca*).
- The 73 mammal species include Indian leopard, Bengal tiger, clouded leopard, giant squirrel, gaur, chital and wild boar. 65 fish, 41 reptile and four amphibian species have been identified.
- In February 2018, golden and spotted Asiatic golden cats (*Catopuma temminckii*) were recorded in the reserve for the first time.