

# Sociable Lapwing

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## About sociable lapwing

- The sociable lapwing or sociable plover (*Vanellus gregarius*) is a critically endangered wader in the lapwing family of birds.
- Critically endangered – IUCN
- This medium-sized lapwing has longish black legs and a short black bill.
- Summer adults have grey backs and breast, dark belly and white undertail.
- The head has a striking pattern, with a black crown and eyestripe, the latter being bordered above and below with white.
- Its longish black legs, white tail with a black terminal band and distinctive brown, white and grey wings make it almost unmistakable in flight. Length is 27–30 cm (11–12 in).
- The current IUCN classification is CR A3bc—meaning that the population is expected to decline in the next decade or so by 80%.

## Distribution and Habitat of sociable lapwing

- Occurs in Fallow fields and scrub desert
- Range of occurrence central Asia, middle east and Arabian peninsula
- Sociable lapwing found in these Countries Kazakhstan, Russia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Egypt, India, Pakistan and Oman
- In India, It is restricted to the north and north-west of the country.

## Threats to sociable lapwing

- Conversion of habitat sociable lapwing to arable land.
- Illegal hunting of sociable lapwing.
- Proximity of human settlements to sociable lapwing habitat.