

The Jerdon's Courser

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About The Jerdon's Courser

- Critically endangered –IUCN
- Jerdon's Courser is nocturnal bird, flagship species for the extremely threatened scrub jungle
- Found only in the Eastern Ghats of the state of Andhra Pradesh in peninsular
- The species was considered to be extinct until it was rediscovered in 1986 and the area of rediscovery was subsequently declared as the Sri Lankamalleswara Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Jerdon's Courser is endemic to Andhra Pradesh. Evidence of presence neighboring areas of the state of Maharashtra and southern Madhya Pradesh
- **Habitat:** inhabits sparse, thorny and non-thorny scrub-forest and bushes, interspersed with patches of bare ground, in gently undulating, rocky foothills
- **Threats:** Clearing of scrub jungle, creation of new pastures, growing of dry land crops, plantations of exotic trees, quarrying and the construction of the Telugu-Ganga Canal and Illegal trapping .