

## RED HEADED VULTURE

(*Sarcogyps calvus*)

**General Description:** It is a medium-sized vulture having a wingspan of about 1.99–2.6 m. It has a prominent naked head, deep-red to orange in the adult, paler red in the juvenile.

**Distribution & Habitat:** Found across India, their diet consists of carrion and they have been observed feeding on the carcasses of large ungulates, birds, turtles and fish.

**Conservation Status:** Listed in IUCN Red List as Critically Endangered.



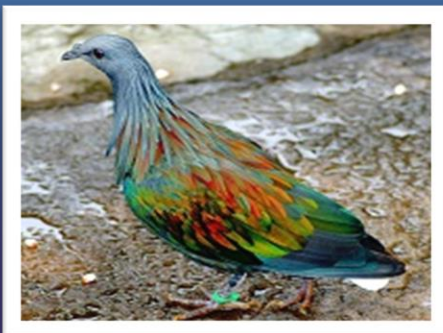
## NICOBAR PIGEON

(*Caloenas nicobarica*)

**General Description:** It can easily be distinguished by its glistening mane-like neck hackles and sharply contrasting white tail coverts and snow-white tail but only readily visible when the bird is flushed. It is known to remain solitary as well as is found in flocks.

**Distribution & Habitat:** Generally shy, quiet, and difficult to see. Inhabits small, densely forested offshore islands from the Indian Andamans to the Solomons and New Guinea.

**Conservation Status:** Listed in IUCN Red List as Near Threatened.



## TIBETAN ANTELOPE (CHIRU)

(*Pantholops hodgsonii*)

**General Description:** The Tibetan antelope is a medium-sized antelope, with a shoulder height of about 83 cm in males, and 74 cm in females. The fur of Tibetan antelopes is distinctive, and consists of long guard hair and a silky undercoat of shorter fibers.

**Distribution & Habitat:** Endemic to the Tibetan Plateau, the Tibetan antelope inhabits open alpine and cold steppe environments.

**Conservation Status:** Listed in IUCN Red List as Near Threatened.



## HONEY BADGER

(*Mustelidae capensis*)

**General Description:** The honey badger has a fairly long body, but is distinctly thick-set and broad across the back. Accesses a large part of its food by digging it out of burrows.

**Distribution & Habitat:** Honey Badgers are not so rare in India, they have been sighted in dry savannah woodland forests of Cauvery in Karnataka.

**Conservation Status:** Listed in IUCN Red List as Least Concerned.



## Lesser Known Faunal Species

68<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Week Celebration  
(2<sup>nd</sup> October to 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2022)



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