

GREAT INDIAN BUSTARD

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ABOUT

- The Great Indian Bustard, the State bird of Rajasthan, is considered India's most critically endangered bird.
- It is considered the flagship grassland species, representing the health of the grassland ecology.

HABITAT

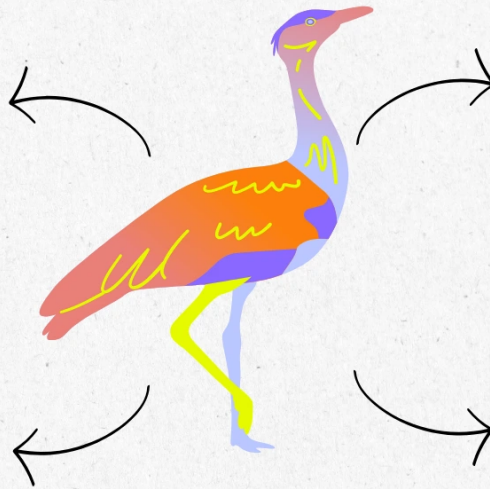
- Its population is seen mostly in Rajasthan and Gujarat.
- Small populations occur in Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

VULNERABILITY

- The bird is under constant threats due to collision or electrocution with power transmission lines, hunting (still prevalent in Pakistan), habitat loss and alteration as a result of widespread agricultural expansion, etc.

PROTECTION STATUS

- IUCN red List: Critically Endangered
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES): Appendix I
- Convention on Migratory Species (CMS): Appendix I
- Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972: Schedule I



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