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Katarnia Ghat

The Wildlife Sanctuary

The Katarnia Ghat wildlife sanctuary is a protected area in the upper Gangetic plain in Uttar Pradesh, India and covers an area of 400.6 km² (154.75 sq mi). It is part of the Terai of the Bahraich District. In 1987, it was brought under the preview of the 'Project Tiger', and together with the Kishanpur wildlife sanctuary and the Dudhwa National Park it forms the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve. It was established in 1975.

The Katarniaghāt forest provides strategic connectivity between tiger habitats of Dudhwa and Kishanpur in India and Bandipur National Park in Nepal.

The sanctuary is located at a distance of 205 km from Lucknow, 60 km from Bahraich - Nanpara route and about 7 km from the Nepal border.

The best way to go Katarniaghāt is by road from Lucknow - the first entrance of Katarniaghāt WLS - Motipur is around 205 km from Lucknow via the cities of Sitapur and Lucknow.

Classification:

Phylum: Chordata

Class: Reptilia

Order: Crocodilia

Family: Crocodylid



Crocodiles → Crocodiles are also seen in small no. in the Girona river. as their favorite hunting grounds are stagnant wetlands like the many pools and lagoons that dot the savannah.

Dolphin → Dolphin is a common name of aquatic mammals with in the order cetaceans, arbitrarily excluding whales and porpoises. It belongs to Delphinidae (family). There are 40 extant species names as Dolphin. These range in size from 1.7 m (5.6 ft) long to 50 kg. They have well developed hearing - which is adapted for both air & water.

Elephants → The elephants are large mammals forming the family Elephantidae in the order Proboscidea. They have a long trunk used for lifting water, breathing & grasping objects. Their pillar like legs can carry their great weight. They are herbivorous in nature.

The fragile Terai ecosystem comprises a mosaic of sal and teak forests, lush grasslands, numerous swamps and wetlands. It is home to a no. of endangered species including gharials, tiger, rhino, Grange's the white backed and long billed vultures.



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'KATARNIAGHAT WILDLIFE SANCTUARY'

INTRODUCTION:-

The Katarniaghát Wildlife Sanctuary is a protected area in the upper Gangetic plain in Uttar Pradesh, India.

It covers an area of 400.6 km² (154.7 sq mi) in the Terai of the Bahraich district.

In 1987, it was brought under the purview of the 'Project-Tiger' and together with the Krishnapur Wildlife Sanctuary and the Deokhwa National Park it forms the Deokhwa Tiger Reserve. It was established in 1975.

The Katarniaghát forest provides strategic connectivity between tiger-habitats of Deokhwa and Krishnapur in India and the Bardia National Park in Nepal.

Its fragile Terai-ecosystem comprises a mosaic of Sal and Teak forests, lush grasslands, numerous swamps and wetlands.

It is home to a number of endangered species including gharial, tiger, salmo, Ganges-dolphin, swamp-deer, striped hare, Bengal florican, the white-backed and long-billed vultures.

One of the best places in the world for seeing the gharial in its natural habitat is the Gomati River, where it is found sympatric with mugger.

Today Katarniaghát has more than 20 tigers and is home to salmon and elephants.



Bottlenose dolphin : Dolphin

CLASSIFICATION :-

Kingdom - Animalia

Phylum - Chordata

Class - Mammalia

Order - Artiodactyla

Genus - Bottlenose

Species - dolphin

COMMENTS :-

- Dolphins range in size from the 2.7m long and 50kg.
- Several species exhibit sexual-dimorphism, in that the males are larger than females.
- They have streamlined bodies and two limbs that are modified into flippers.
- Dolphins use their conical-shaped teeth to capture fast moving prey.
- They have a layer of fat, or blubber under the skin to keep warm in the cold climate.



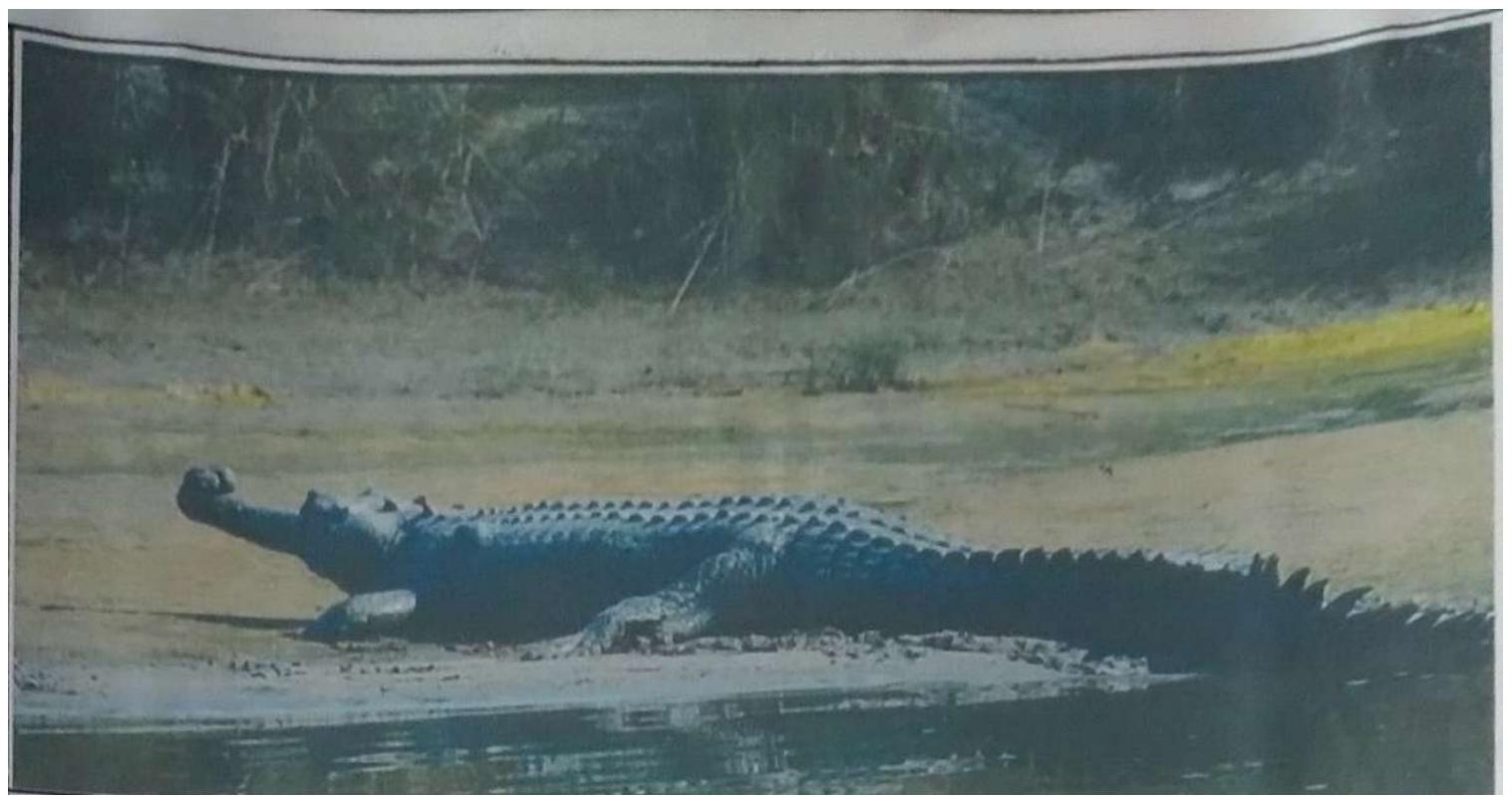
Elephas maximus : Elephant

CLASSIFICATION -

Kingdom - Animalia
Phylum - Chordata
Class - Mammalia
Order - Proboscidea
Genus - Elephas
Species - maximus

COMMENTS -

- Commonly called as Elephant or Hatti. The most popular and powerful mammals.
- Body massively built and divided into Head, short mobile flat neck, huge-trunk, chest, abdomen and tail.
- Size 20-22 feet in standing height at shoulders. Body covered with grey or black coloured loose skin containing sparse hair.
- Large head contains small-eyes and broad ears.





Geochelone Elegans : Tortoise

CLASSIFICATION:-

Kingdom - animalia

Phylum - chordata

Class - reptilia

Order - Testudines

Genus - Geochelone

Species - Elegans

COMMENTS:-

- The tortoise is a land-dwelling reptile closely related to the tortoise's marine cousin, the sea-turtle.
- Tortoises have a hard outer shell to protect them from predators but the skin on the legs, head and belly of the tortoise is quite soft so the tortoise is able to retract its limbs into its shell to protect itself.
- Size ranges from few cm to a couple of metres.
- most species of tortoise have a herbivorous diet.
- Tortoises generally have a lifespan similar to the lifespan of humans although some species of tortoise, like the giant tortoise, have known to be over 150 years old.



Pavo Cristatus : Peacock

Classification:-

Kingdom - Animalia

Phylum - Chordata

Class - Aves

Order - Galliformes

Genus - Phasianidae. Pavo

Species - Cristatus

Comments:-

- The male, or peacock, is predominantly blue with a fan-like crest of spathula-tipped awl-like feathers.
- The Indian peacock lives mainly on the ground in open-forest or on land under cultivation.
- They forage for berries, grains but also prey on snakes, lizards and small rodents.
- Their loud calls make them easy to detect.
- The bird is celebrated in Hindu and Greek-mythology and is the national-bird of India.



Rangifer tarandus : Reindeer

CLASSIFICATION :-

Kingdom - Animalia
Phylum - Chordata
Class - Mammalia
Order - Artiodactyla
Genus - Rangifer
Species - R. tarandus

COMMENTS :-

- In most population, of Reindeer both sexes grow antlers.
- Height of male reindeer is 85-250 cm and it mass about 160-180 kg.
- Reindeers are good swimmers
- Colour varies from whitish in winter to brown in summer
- Heavy guard hairs are hollow, which increases the coat's insulating properties.



Macaca mulatta : Monkey

CLASSIFICATION:-

Kingdom - Animalia

Phylum - chordata

Class - mammalia

Order - Primates

Genus - macaca

Species - mulatta.

COMMENTS:-

- The rhesus-macaque is brown or grey in colour and has pink or black face, which is bereft of fur.
- Its tail is of medium-length and averages between 20.7 and 22.9 cm.
- They have dorsal-escapular and a crease web cage.
- The rhesus macaque has 32 teeth with a dental-formula of $2\frac{1}{1}2\frac{1}{1}2\frac{1}{1}2\frac{1}{1}$ and bilophodont molars.
- One best-known species of Old world monkeys.



Gyps bengalensis : Vulture

CLASSIFICATION:-

Kingdom - Animalia
Phylum - chordata
Class - Aves
Order - Falconiformes
Genus - Gyps
Species - bengalensis

COMMENTS:-

- Commonly called as Gidki in Hindi.
- It is dirty, blackish brown and ugly looking bird with massive body, very powerful and tame when soaring and circling high up in the sky.
- Thoracic rectal and subis consolidated with bony - carapace.
- males has an erectile penis on the ventral wall of the cloaca.
- Behind eye is external ear opening.