



Flame-Throated Bulbul

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Why in News

- The flame-throated bulbul, also called the **Rubigula (State bird of Goa)**, has been chosen as the **mascot of the 36th National Games**.
- The 36th National Games will be held between October 20 and November 4 in the year 2020.
- The Flame-throated Bulbul is **endemic to southern peninsular India** where it is locally distributed in southern Andhra Pradesh, eastern Karnataka, Goa, Orissa, eastern Kerala and northern Tamil Nadu.
- The Flame-throated Bulbul prefer habitats like rocky, scrub-covered hills mostly in the Eastern Ghats and central peninsular India but also in some places in the Western Ghats.
- IUCN status: **Least Concern**
- India's **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**: It is a **Schedule - IV bird**.

Schedules under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972



- **Schedule I and part II of Schedule II provide absolute protection** - offences under these are prescribed the highest penalties.
- Species listed in **Schedule III and Schedule IV** are also protected, but the penalties are much lower.

- **Schedule V** includes the animals which may be hunted.
- The specified **endemic plants in Schedule VI** are prohibited from cultivation and planting.

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