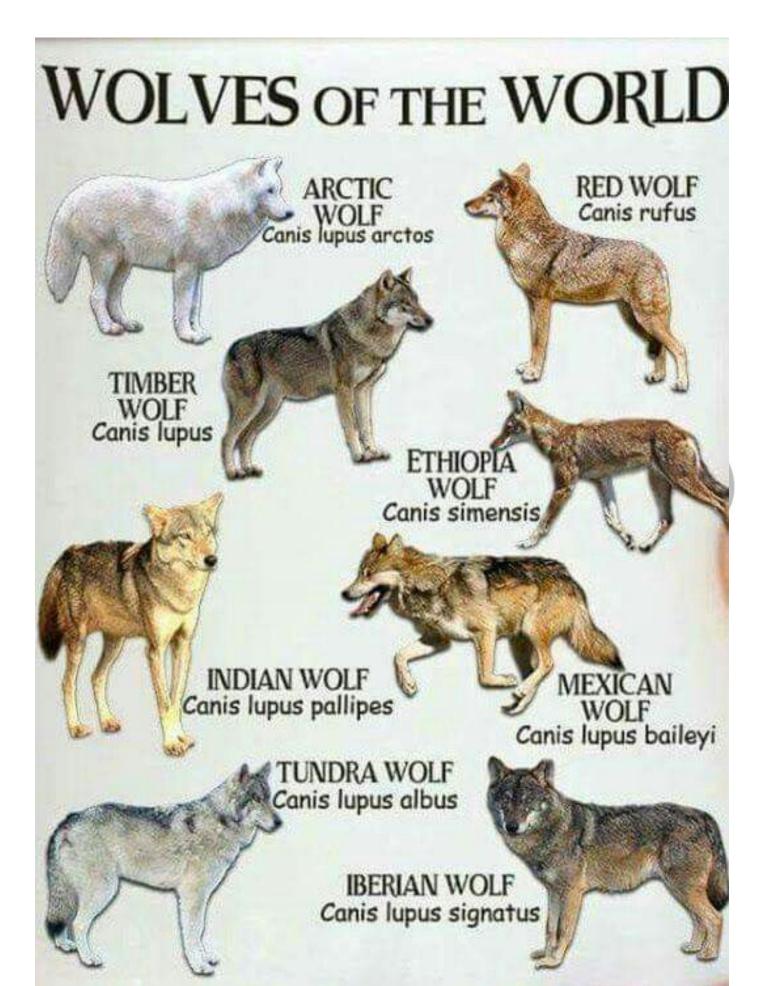


Indian Grey Wolf

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Bankapur Wolf Sanctuary, Karnataka's **first wolf sanctuary** witnessed the birth of eight pups of an **Indian grey wolf.**

- About: Indian grey wolf (Canis lupus pallipes) is a subspecies of grey wolf found across Southwest Asia and the Indian subcontinent.
 - It lives in **smaller packs and is less vocal** compared to other wolf subspecies.
 - It is **primarily nocturnal**, hunting from dusk to dawn.
- Habitat: It is an apex predator in India's scrublands, grasslands and semi-arid agroecosystems. Thrives in regions with warmer temperatures.
- Conservation Status:
 - <u>IUCN</u>: Endangered (population in India: 2,000 3,000 individuals).
 - **CITES**: Appendix I.
 - Wildlife Protection Act, 1972: Schedule I.
- Bankapur Wolf Sanctuary: It spans 332 hectares and features scrub forests, hills, and natural caves suitable for wolf habitation.
 - It is India's second protected area dedicated solely to wolves, after the Mahuadanr Wolf Sanctuary (established in 1976, now in Jharkhand).
 - Home to a variety of species, including leopards, peacocks, blackbucks, foxes, and hares.



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