



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 agro-ecosystems](#). Thrives in regions with warmer temperatures.
- **Conservation Status:**
 - [IUCN: 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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ARCTIC WOLF
Canis lupus arctos



RED WOLF
Canis rufus

TIMBER WOLF
Canis lupus



ETHIOPIA WOLF
Canis simensis



INDIAN WOLF
Canis lupus pallipes



MEXICAN WOLF
Canis lupus baileyi



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Canis lupus albus

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Canis lupus signatus



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