

## Chestnut winged cuckoo

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## Why in news?

Recently, the Conservancy worker rescues Chestnut winged cuckoo in a busy part of Chennai.

- Scientific name Clamator coromandus.
- Family Cuculidae (Cuckoos).
- Taxonomy It is <u>monotypic</u> (has no recognized subspecies).
- **Habitat** It is found in wooded areas, mangroves, gardens, and parks, and often prefers dense canopy.
- Distribution & Migration -
  - Breeding range Himalayan foothills, northern India, China, Myanmar, and Thailand.
  - Wintering range Southern India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and other parts of Southeast Asia.
  - Migration pattern Moves southwards in winter, often seen as a passage migrant in peninsular India.
- **Identification** A distinctive, long-tailed cuckoo with a peaked black crest like a witch's hat, bright orange throat, rusty wings, a black back, and white nape and belly.



- Size It is about 47 cm long.
- **Behavior** Forages and sings high in dense canopy; rarely seen clearly with all traits visible.
- Varied vocalizations Harsh, raspy, or metallic sounding and include high-pitched "veep-veep" notes, a strident "kooree", and a lunatic rattling cackle.
- Conservation Status -
  - IUCN Least Concern
  - Wild Life Protection Act, 1972 Schedule-II
- **Threats** It is not globally threatened, but local risks include habitat loss and urban predation during migration.

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