

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 ***monotypic*** (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.

References

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