

Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary

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Why in news?

Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary, TN welcomes thousands of migratory birds species this season, thanks to excellent water levels and ideal nesting conditions.

- It is one of the **oldest water bird protected areas** in the country as well as in the State of Tamil Nadu.
- **Established** - It was granted legal protection in 1798 and is a protected area established in 1936.
- **Location** - Chengalpattu District of Tamil Nadu.
- Vedanthangal, literally means '**the hamlet of a hunter**'.
- More than 40,000 birds have been recorded in the sanctuary during the migratory season every year.
- **Habitat type** - Seasonal wetland ecosystem with a large irrigation tank.
- **Important species** - Includes including the black-headed ibis, Eurasian spoonbill, black-crowned night heron, painted stork, Cormorants, Flamingos, Pelicans, moor hens, herons, kingfishers, sandpipers, white ibis, swans and grey wagtails, etc.
- The best season time is between October and March, when a large number of migratory birds visit.
- **International recognition** - This site is also recognized internationally, as an **Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA)** and a **Ramsar wetland site** (2022).
- **Unique feature** - This Sanctuary is the community-led conservation—local villagers historically protected the birds, recognizing their role in fertilizing agricultural lands.

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