AVI-FAUNA

Name of the Species	Zoological Name
Black-eared Kite	*Milvus migrans lineatus*
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	*Accipiter nisus*
Golden Eagle	*Aquila chrysaetos*
Himalayan Griffon	*Gypsy himalayensis*
Bearded Vulture or Lammergier	*Gypaetus barbatus*
Eurasian Marsh Harrier	*Circus aeruginosus*
Pallid Harrier	*Circus macrourus*
Eurasian Hobby	*Falco subbuteo*
Common Kestrel	*Falco tinnunculus*
Long-legged Buzzard	*Buteo rufinus*
Himalayan Snowcock	*Tetraogallus himalayensis*
Chukar Partridge	*Alectoris chukar*
Himalayan Monal	*Lophophorus impejanus*
Koklass Pheasant	*Pucrasia macrolopha*
Snow Pigeon	*Columba leuconota*
Common Pigeon	*Columba livia*
Oriental Turtle Dove	*Streptopelia orientalis*
Common Swift	*Apus apus*
Eurasian Collared Dove	*Streptopelia decaocto*
Asian Barred Owlet	*Glaucidum cuculoides*
Rose- ringed Parakeet	*Psittacula krameri*
Slaty-headed Parakeet	*Psittacula himalayana*
Eurasian Cuckoo	*Cuculus canorus*
Himalayan Cuckoo	*Cuculus saturates*
Lesser Cuckoo	*Cauculus poliocephalus*
Pied Kingfisher	*Ceryle rudis*
White-throated Kingfisher	*Halcyon pileata*
Green Bee-eater	*Merops orientalis*
European Bee-eater	*Merops apiaster*
Eurasian Roller	*Coracias garrulous*
Common Hoopoe	*Upupa epops*
Brown-fronted Woodpecker	*Dendrocopos auriceps*
Himalayan woodpecker	*Dendrocopos himalayensis*
Long-tailed Shrike	*Lanius schach*
Golden Oriole	*Oriolus oriolus*
Black-headed Jay	*Garrulus lanceolatus*
Yellow-billed Blue Magpie	*Urocissa flavirostris*
Large-spotted Nutcracker	*Nucifraga multipunctata*
Alpine Chough	*Pyrrhocorax graculus*
Red-billed Chough	*Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*
Northern Raven	*Corvus corax*
Eurasian Jackdaw	*Corvus monedula*
Large billed Crow	*Corvus macrorhynchos*



Himalayan Monal
Lophophorus impejanus



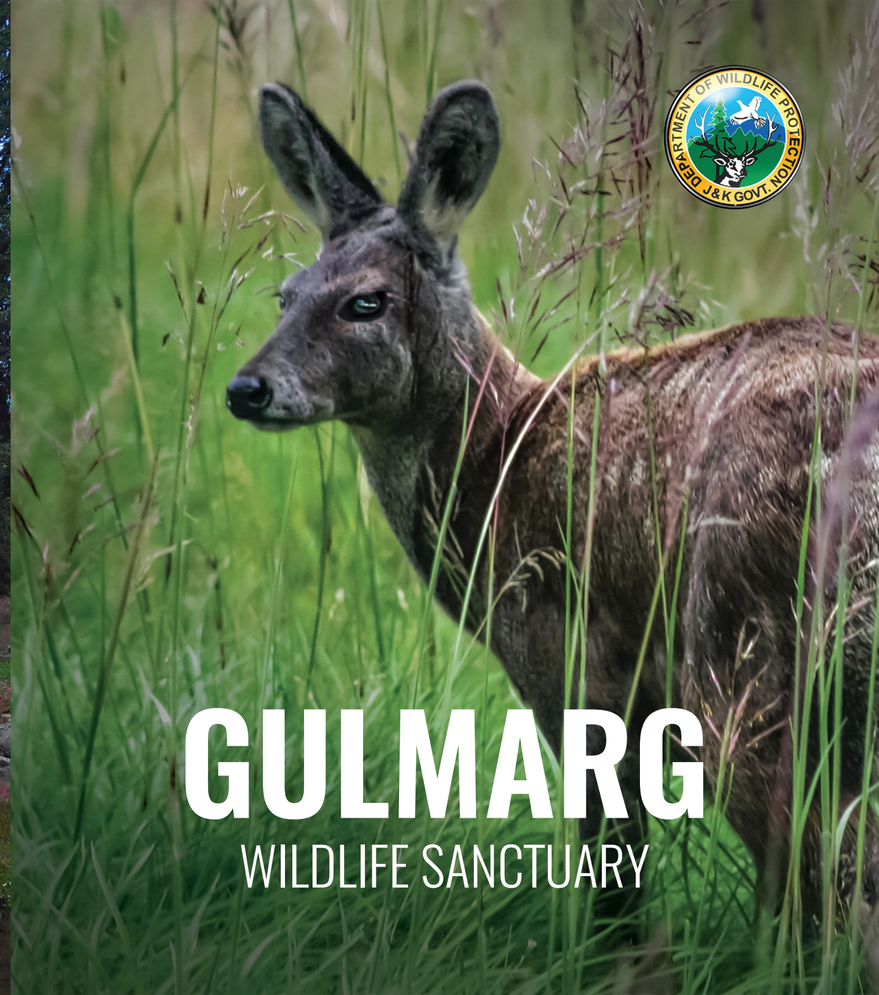
Chukar Partridge
Alectoris chukar



ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE (ESZ)

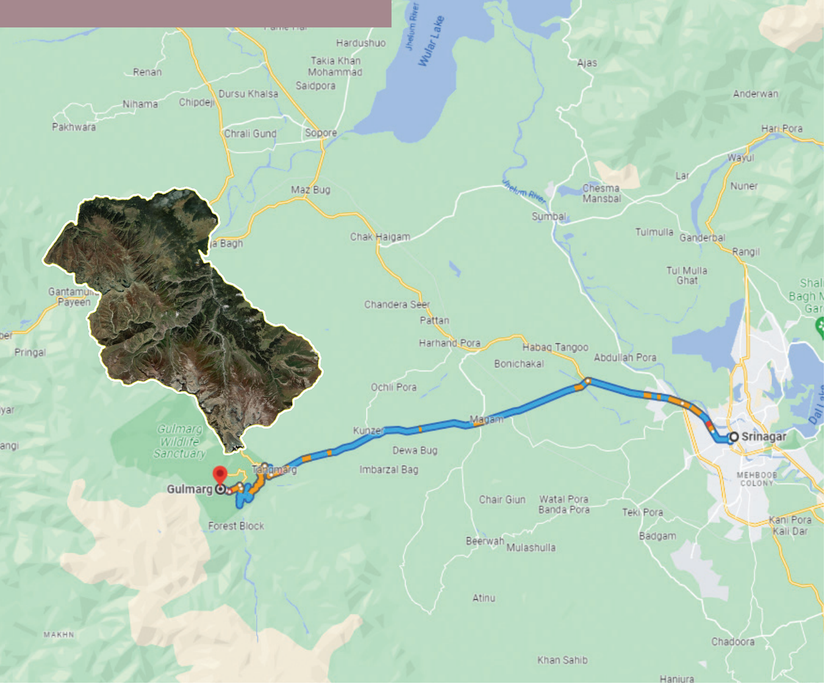
The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has declared 62.2 sq km around Gulmarg Wildlife Sanctuary as Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ). According to the ministry, there is no village or township that falls within the proposed ESZ of Gulmarg Wildlife Sanctuary.





GULMARG

WILDLIFE SANCTUARY



Distance
50 km from Srinagar
26 km from Baramulla

Area
180 sq km

Altitude
7900 feet to 14,100 feet

Nearest Airport
Srinagar International Airport: 95 km

Nearest Railhead
Baramulla: 24 km

Longitude
MSL 74°.17' to 74°.79' N

Latitude
34°.55' to 34°.60' E



The Gulmarg Wildlife Sanctuary is a protected area in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. The sanctuary lies on the north-eastern side of the Pir Panjal mountain range and falls under the northwest Biogeographic Zone 2A. Declared a game reserve in 1981, it was later upgraded to a sanctuary in 1987.

It is surrounded by the forests of the Gulmarg basin and the upper catchment area of the Ferozpur stream. The sanctuary is bordered by the forest divisions of Jhelum Valley to the north and west, Poonch and Pir Panjal to the south, and the Drang village to the east. The Gulmarg Wildlife Sanctuary has a temperate climate. Snowfall during the winter amounts most part of the precipitation.

FLORA

The vegetation of the Gulmarg Wildlife Sanctuary mainly consists of sub-alpine forests of silver fir (Abies pindrow), silver birch (Betula utilis), and blue pine. Silver birch is spread out in the mountain ridges, which borders the alpine pastures between 3000 metres and 3500 metres. At lower altitudes, Pinus griffithi are predominant in the blue pine forests that surround the Gulmarg resort. They are mixed with spruce – Picea smithiana, maple. The alpine meadows are dominated by the herbaceous flora of different species. The sanctuary has also valuable resources of medicinal plants.



FAUNA

The Gulmarg Wildlife Sanctuary has a recorded 95 bird species of different families including Kashmir flycatcher (Ficedula subrubra), Himalayan snowcock (Tetraogallus himalayensis), Impeyan monal (Lophophorus impejanus), and Koklass pheasant (Pucrasia macrolopha). There are 31 butterfly species reported from the sanctuary.

The Gulmarg Wildlife Sanctuary is noted for its wildlife. The mammals found in the sanctuary include Himalayan brown bear (Ursus arctos), Asiatic black bear (Ursus thibetanus), Leopard (Panthera pardus), Musk deer (Moschus crysogaster), Kashmir grey langur (Semnopithecus ajax), Snow leopard (Uncia), Tibetan wolf (Canis lupus), Red fox (Vulpes), Leopard cat (Prionailurus bengalensis), Jungle cat (Felis chaus), and Yellow-throated marten (Martes flavigula).

The sanctuary acts as a natural corridor in the movement of brown bear and markhor between Poonch and the Kashmir Valley forests.



Species	Zoological Name
Himalayan Musk Deer	*Moschus crysogater*
Asiatic Black Bear	*Ursus thibetanus*
Himalayan Brown Bear	*Ursus arctos*
Common Leopard	*Panthera pardus*
Common Langur	*Seminopthecus entellus*
Rhesus Macaque	*Macaca mulatta*
Red Fox	*Vulpesvulpes*
Jungle Cat	*Felischaus*
Leopard Cat	*Prionailurus bengalensis*
Brown Musk Shrew	*Crocidura murina*
Small Indian Mangoose	*Herpestesauro punctatus*
Yellow Throated Martin	*Martes flavigula*
Himalayan Marmot	*Marmota caudate*
Kashmir Vampire	*Mergaderma spectrum*
Leisler's Hairy-Amed Bat	*Nyetalus lessleri*
Short-Tailed Bandicoot Rat	*Nesolia indica*
Birch Mouse	*Sicista indica*
Kashmir Flying Squirrel	*Eoglaucomys fimbriatus*

