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Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary

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- Located in **Kerala**, Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary (WWS) is an **integral part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve**. It was established in **1973**.



- Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve was the first from India to be included in the **UNESCO designated World Network of Biosphere Reserves** (designated in 2012).
- Other wildlife parks within the Reserve are: Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary, Bandipur National Park, Nagarhole National Park, Mukurthi National Park and Silent Valley.
- Spread over 344.44 sq km, **Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary** is **contiguous** to the tiger reserves of **Nagerhole** and **Bandipur** of **Karnataka** and **Mudumalai** of **Tamil Nadu**.
- **Kabini river (a tributary of Cauvery river)** flows through the sanctuary.
- The **forest types** include South Indian Moist Deciduous forests, West coast semi-evergreen forests and plantations of teak, eucalyptus and Grewelia.
- Elephant, Gaur, Tiger, Panther, Sambar, Spotted deer, Barking deer, Wild boar, Sloth bear, Nilgiri langur, Bonnet macaque, Common langur, Wild dog, common otter, Malabar giant squirrel etc are the major **mammals**.

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