



## Ranthambore Tiger Reserve

- **Location:** Ranthambore Tiger Reserve lies in the eastern part of Rajasthan state in Karauli and Sawai Madhopur districts, at the junction of the Aravali and Vindhya hill ranges.
- **Parks and Sanctuaries Included:** It comprises of the Ranthambore National Park as well as Sawai Mansingh and Keladevi Sanctuaries.
- **The Ranthambore fort**, from which the forests derive their name, is said to have a rich history of over 1000 years. It is strategically located atop a 700 feet tall hill within the park and is believed to have been **built in 944 AD by a Chauhan ruler.**
- **The vegetation** includes grasslands on plateaus and dense forests along the seasonal streams.
  - The forest type is mainly **tropical dry deciduous with 'dhak' (Butea monsoeperma)**, a species of tree capable of withstanding long periods of drought, being the commonest.
  - **This tree is also called as 'Flame of forest'** and is one of the many flowering plants that add colour to the dry summers here.
- **Wildlife**



- The park is rich in wildlife with tiger at the apex of the food chain in mammals.
  - Other animals found here are leopards, striped hyenas, common or hanuman langurs, rhesus macaques, jackals, jungle cats, caracals, blackbuck, Blacknaped hare and chinkara, etc.
  - The park is rich in birds with about 272 species recorded so far.
- This area with tigers in it represents the north-western limit of the Bengal tiger's distribution range and is an outstanding example of **Project Tiger's** efforts for conservation in the country.

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