



Kaziranga Records High Diversity of Grassland Birds

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[Kaziranga National Park, Assam](#) best known for its [one-horned rhinos](#), has now emerged as a biodiversity hotspot for grassland birds.

- First dedicated grassland bird survey conducted in Kaziranga recorded 43 species across its three wildlife divisions. Includes rare and threatened species like:
 - **Critically Endangered:** *Bengal florican*
 - **Endangered:** *Finn's weaver*, *Swamp grass babbler*
 - **Vulnerable (6 species):** *Black-breasted parrotbill*, *Marsh babbler*, *Swamp francolin*, *Jerdon's babbler*, *Slender-billed babbler*, *Bristled grassbird*
 - **Finn's weaver** found to be **breeding successfully**, indicating **healthy grassland ecosystems**.
 - Kaziranga's 1,174 sq. km habitat supports rich birdlife, with grassland bird diversity comparable to **Gujarat and Rajasthan**.
 - The study marks as a key step in **avian conservation in Northeast India**.
- **Kaziranga National Park:**
 - It was established as a **Reserve Forest in 1908** to protect the Indian rhinoceros, it became a **Wildlife Sanctuary** in 1950, **National Park** in 1974, and a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#) in 1985. And it was declared as a [Tiger Reserve](#) in 2007 due to high tiger density.
 - It is known for the **Big Five: Rhinoceros, Tiger, Elephant, Asiatic Wild Buffalo, and Eastern Swamp Deer**. Nearly the entire population of Eastern Swamp Deer is found here.
 - It is located along the [Brahmaputra River](#), which brings rich nutrients but also causes habitat loss through erosion.



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