



## Amur Falcon

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- Amur falcons, the **world's longest travelling raptors** start travelling with the onset of

winters.



- The raptors breed in southeastern Siberia and northern China, and migrate in millions across India and then over the Indian Ocean to southern Africa before returning to Mongolia and Siberia. Their **22,000-kilometre migratory route** is one of the longest amongst all avian species.
- They get their name from the **Amur River** that forms the **border between Russia and China**.
- **Doyang Lake in Nagaland** is better known as a **stopover for the Amur falcons** during their annual migration from their breeding grounds to warmer South Africa. Thus, **Nagaland** is also known as the **“Falcon Capital of the World,”**.
- The birds are the **least concern under the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List**, but the species is **protected** under the **Indian Wildlife Protection Act, 1972**, and the **Convention on Migratory Species**, to which India is a signatory (which means it is mandatory to protect the birds).