



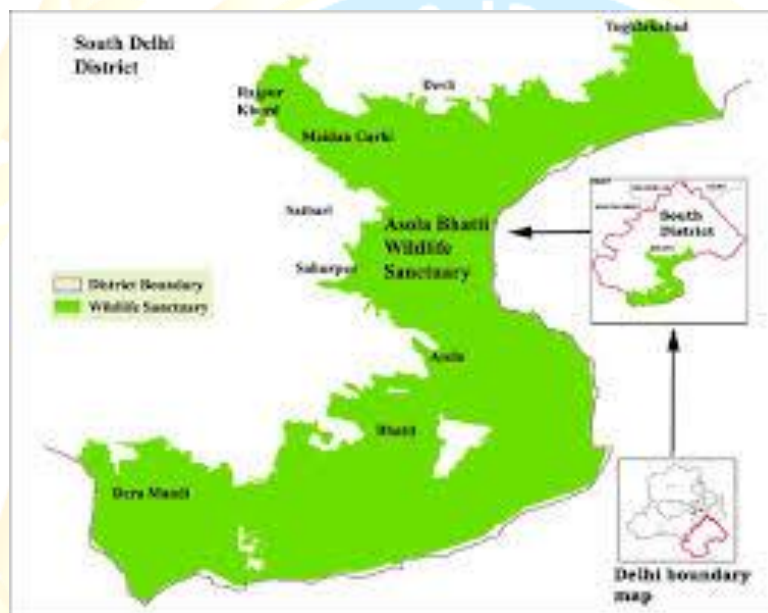
THE ASOLA BHATTI WILDLIFE SANCTUARY: PLACES IN THE NEWS

About

1. The Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary is a **protected area located on the southern edge of Delhi and northern part of Haryana**, covering parts of the Aravalli Hills. It covers an area of 32 sq kms.
2. It is the **only protected area representing the northeastern, rolling outliers as a landform of the country's oldest hill ranges, the Aravallis**.

Climate

The climate of the sanctuary is characterized by extreme summer heat alternating with great winter cold.



Vegetation

The vegetation consists mainly of open-canopied, thorny scrub with xerophytic adaptations like thorny appendages and waxy, succulent, or tomentose leaves.

Flora

1. It include **Dhau (*Anogeissus pendula*)**, **Kumtha (*Senegalia senegal*)**, and Palash (*Butea monosperma*) forests, as well as grasslands on slopes and open areas.
2. *Prosopis juliflora*, along with invasive species like *Lantana camara* and *Parthenium hysterophorus*, dominates degraded areas.

Fauna



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1. It includes **25 mammal species (e.g., Leopard, Striped Hyena)**, 250 bird species, including critically endangered and vulnerable species.
2. It also includes **28 raptor species (14 protected under India's Wildlife Protection Act)**, 24 reptile species, 86 butterfly species, and 15 dragonfly species.
3. It is home to Golden Jackals, Striped Hyenas, Indian Crested Porcupines, Civets, Jungle Cats, Snakes, Monitor Lizards, Mongooses, and more.
4. Notable birds including the rare Red-headed Vulture, Black Eagle, and Northern Goshawk can be seen here.

