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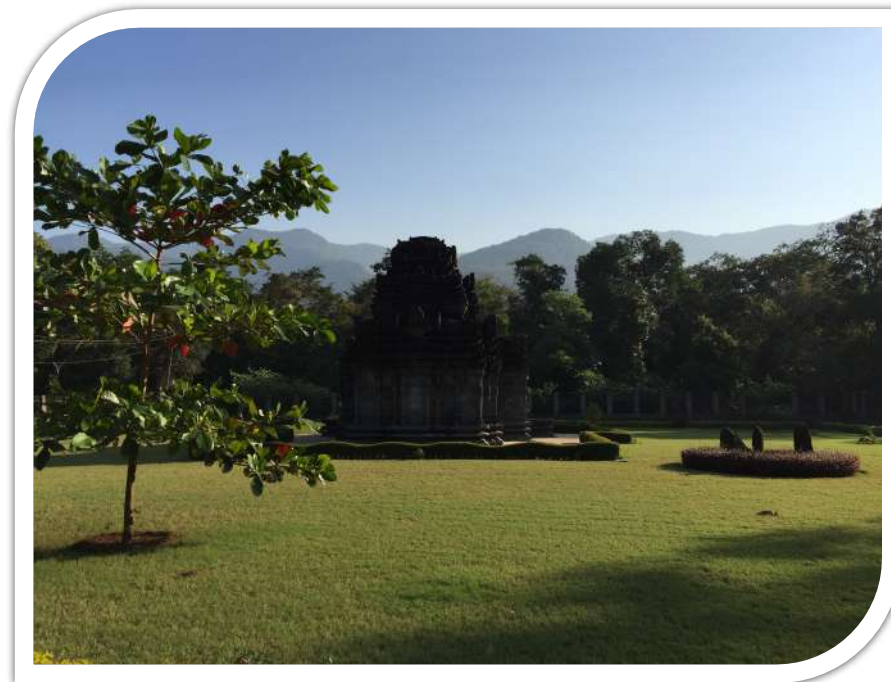


Bhagwan Mahaveer National Park: Fact Sheet

Location: About 32 kilometers from Ponda town eastwards at the foothills of the Western Ghats bordering Karnataka.

Habitat Description: Habitat is a serious kaleidoscope of geology and forest ranging from flat cultivations, rocky streams, sheer cliffs to pristine primary forests and teak cultivations. This sanctuary contains vegetation classified as West Coast tropical evergreen forests, West Coast semi-evergreen forests and moist deciduous forests. The habitat is partly under threat due to mining, growing villages and aspirations with a major railway and highway connecting Goa with Karnataka and beyond.

Tips: The sanctuary has many trails. One is from the Forest Office near toll gate which goes for about 7 km till the Aranya Camp. The other is around the 12th century Mahadev temple at Tambdi Surla. The other birding trail is along the ghat highway until the border of Goa with Karnataka at an elevation of about 600m where sightings are possible of the birds of higher elevation including the Wynaad Laughing Thrush,



HOTSPOT MATRIX

RARE BIRDS



BIRDING



PHOTOGRAPHY



DISTANCE



COMFORT



CURRENT COUNT

230 bird species

OTHER WILDLIFE



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Star Species: Blue-eared Kingfisher, Malabar Trogon, Red Spurfowl, Orange Minivet, Flame- throated Bulbul, Square-tailed Bulbul, Asian Fairy Bluebird, Malabar Whistling Thrush, White- rumped Shama and all sunbirds. Other mammals observed in this sanctuary is the Malabar Giant Squirrel (abundant), the Spotted Deer, Sambhar, Gaur and the langurs. As on 14th May 2019, a tiger was captured on camera traps deep in the forests bringing hope of bygone days to this pristine forest!