

First Record of Occurrence of Indian Tree Shrew (*Anathana ellioti*) in Gautam Buddha Wildlife Sanctuary, Gaya, Bihar (India)

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Abstract: A study was conducted on the sloth bear distribution along with avifaunal species diversity in Gaya forest division (GFD) at Gautam Buddha Wildlife Sanctuary (GBWLS), (Bihar). During the course of field study, Indian tree shrew (*Anathana ellioti*) was first time evidently recorded in GBWLS Bihar with photographs taken at Barachatti forest range (Madgadba sub-beat). In addition to this, its occurrence was also visually seen and reported at Sankhba sub-beat, Barachatti forest range, GFD. Thus, the occurrence of Indian tree shrew has extended the distributional pattern of this new species in Bihar.

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