

# ANERDAM WILDLIFE SANCTUARY



Ruddy Shelduck  
*Tadorna ferruginea*

Anerdam Wildlife Sanctuary is popular in the north western part of Maharashtra. Located on Bombay-Agra National Highway in Shirpur Tehsil of Dhule District, the sanctuary is a part of the south-western range of Satpura range. It is in the vicinity of Yawal Sanctuary in the state of Madhya Pradesh. The sanctuary was notified as a wildlife sanctuary in the year 1986. It covers a total area of 85.07 sq.km. Its location, a perfect place to view a wide range of wildlife, particularly avifauna and the picturesque sceneries make it a favourite holiday destination for family and friends. It was once extremely rich in wildlife, now it is trying to regain its previous status.



*Acacia catechu*

Asian Openbill  
*Anastomus oscitans*





*Aegle marmelos*



Bengal Monitor Lizard *Varanus bengalensis*



Blue Tiger *Tirumala limniace*

## Flora

The sanctuary is situated on south-western range of Satpura range. The present stage of vegetation is degraded scrub forest with small patches of wooded land. Common tree species are *Acacia catechu* (Khair), *A. leucocephala* (Hiwar), *A. indica* (Babul), *Aegle marmelos* (Beal), *Albizia lebbek*, *A. procera*, *Anogeissus latifolia* (Dhawda), *Butea monosperma* (Palas), *Boswellia serrata* (Salaia), *Ficus* and *Terminalia* species etc. Common shrubs include *Vitex negundo*, *Zizphus* sp., *Helicteres isora*, *Solanum giganteum*, *Cassia auriculata* and *Lantana* etc. Common grasses are Kusal, bhuri, Rosa, Kunda, Sheda and Kusali etc.

## Fauna

Barking Deer, Chinkara, Hare, Porcupine, Jungle Cat are common animals found in the sanctuary. Migrant animals include Hyena, Jackal, Wolf and Wild Boar. Monitor Lizard is the common reptile in this sanctuary. Migratory birds do visit the area. Notable among them are Brahmini Duck, Crane, Stork and many waders. Common resident birds are Peafowl, Quail, Partridge, Egret, Heron, Cormorant, Coot, Spotbill, Eagle and Owls etc.



Indian Muntjac *Muntiacus muntjak*

Chinkara *Gazella bennettii*



### How to Reach :

By Air : Aurangabad (215 kms.)

By Rail : Chalisgaon (125 kms.) on Mumbai-Bhusawal route and Nardona (40kms.)

By Road : Shirpur and Dhule are at 15 kms. and 70 kms. respectively from sanctuary.

Best season to visit : November to February. Animals are best sighted in summers.