NAMERI NATIONAL SANCTUARY

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•Nameri National Park is a <u>national park</u> in the foothills of the eastern <u>Himalayas</u> in the <u>Sonitpur</u> District of <u>Assam</u>, <u>India</u>, about 35 km from <u>Tezpur</u>. Nameri is about 9 km from Chariduar, the nearest village.

•Nameri is also declared as <u>Tiger Reserve</u> in the year 1999-2000, which is the 2nd Tiger reserve of Assam after <u>Manas Tiger</u> <u>Reserve</u>. It has 2 core areas: Nameri National Park & Sonai- Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary (Satellite Core of the Nameri Tiger Reserve).

•Nameri shares its northern boundary with the <u>Pakhui Wildlife</u> <u>Sanctuary</u> of <u>Arunachal Pradesh</u>. Together they constitute an area of over 1000 km² of which Nameri has a total area of 200 km².^[2]

RIVERS

 The main Rivers are Jia- Bhoroli and Bor Dikorai. Other <u>tributaries</u> of these two rivers are: Diji, Dinai, Nameri, Khari, Upper Dikiri which originates in the Arunachal Himalayas and flows through Pakke TR and Nameri TR.

Flora

 This forest has over 600 species of flora. Some notable species are Gmelina arborea, Michelia champaca, Amoora wallichi, Chukrasia Ajar, Urium tabularis, poma, Bhelu, Agaru, Rudraksha, Bonjolokia, Hatipolia akhakan, hollock, Nahor. It is home for <u>orchids</u> like <u>Dendrobium</u>, <u>Cymbidium</u> and <u>C</u> vpripedioideae.

FAUNA

 This is excellent elephant country and was considered to be an elephant reserve. It is an ideal habitat for a host of other animals including the <u>tiger</u>, <u>leopard</u>, <u>Hog</u> Deer, sambar, dhole (the Asiatic wild dog), Gaur, clouded leopard, leopard cat, Barking Deer, wild boar, sloth Marbled Cat, Himalayan black bear, bear, capped langur and Indian giant squirrel.

Fauna (Birds)

 Nameri is a birdwatcher's paradise with over 300 species. The <u>white winged wood</u> <u>duck</u>, <u>great pied hornbill</u>, <u>wreathed</u> <u>hornbill</u>, <u>rufous necked hornbill</u>, <u>black</u> <u>stork</u>, <u>ibisbill</u>, <u>blue-bearded bee-</u> <u>eaters</u>, <u>babblers</u>, <u>plovers</u> and many other birds make Nameri their home.

Asian Fairy Bluebird



White-winged Wood Duck



River Jia-Bhoroli



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