

## Namdapha flying squirrel

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The Namdapha flying squirrel (*Biswamoyopterus biswasi*) has reappeared in Arunachal Pradesh after going **missing for 42 years**.



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### **About Namdapha flying squirrel:**

- The Namdapha flying squirrel is an **arboreal and nocturnal species endemic to Arunachal Pradesh, India.**
- Known from a **single specimen** collected in **Namdapha National Park in 1981**, it inhabits tall **Mesua ferrea jungles**, primarily on hill slopes in the Dihing River catchment area.
- The Namdapha flying squirrel is classified as **critically endangered by the IUCN**, with no population estimate available.
- Its range may be restricted to a single valley, and the species faces threats from poaching for food within Namdapha National Park and potential habitat destruction.
- The species is one of the 25 "**most wanted lost**" **species**, drawing attention as part of **Re:wild's "Search for Lost Species"** initiative.

### **Features:**

- It has **reddish, grizzled fur** with **white** above.
- Its **crown is pale grey**, its **patagium is orangish** and its **underparts are white**.