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- Situated in the Yamunanagar district of Haryana, Kalesar Wildlife Sanctuary was established in 1988 to protect the local wildlife and biodiversity and was declared a National Park on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2003.
- It is situated in the foothills of the Shiwalik ranges of the Himalayas and is contiguous to Rajaji National Park (Uttarakhand) and Simbalbara National Park (Himachal Pradesh).
- It is spread across 13,209 acres and is rich in biodiversity, featuring dense sal and khair forests and grassland patches supporting diverse plant and animal life.
- It is home to many species of animals, including leopards, sambar deer, barking deer, hyenas, jackals, Indian porcupines, Indian pangolins, and langurs and

several species of birds, such as the red junglefowl, grey partridge, Indian peafowl, and white-throated kingfisher.

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