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Finn's Weaver Disappearing from Terai Lowlands

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The **Finn's Weaver (Ploceus megarhynchus)**, an endangered bird species, is **silently vanishing from the marshy lowlands of the Terai**, its last remaining stronghold in India and Nepal.



About Finn's Weaver:?

- **Other Names:** Yellow Weaver, Himalayan Weaver; in Uttarakhand, called **Pahari Baya**.
- **IUCN Status:** **Endangered**
- **Habitat:** Prefers **marshy grounds, water-edge vegetation, and tall grasses**.
- **Distribution:** Found mainly in the **Terai lowlands of India and Nepal**.
- **Threats:**
 - **Habitat loss** due to agricultural expansion and grassland reclamation.
 - **Nest predation** affecting breeding success.
 - **Wetland degradation** and human disturbances.

Significance:

- Indicator of **wetland and grassland ecosystem health**.

Loss reflects broader **biodiversity and habitat conservation challenges** in Terai ecosystems

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