

## Species of the Month 6/2023 || Greater Racket-tailed Drongo

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### GREATER RACKET-TAILED DRONGO

*Dicurus paradiseus*

#### APPEARANCE

- The Greater Racket-tailed Drongo has dark glossy feathers and red eyes!
- They can also be identified by their two pendant-shaped tail extensions.
- Although they look similar to the Black Drongo, they are found in different habitats.

#### HABITAT

- The Greater Racket-tailed Drongo primarily frequents forested areas!
- They are widespread in the region, and can be found as far as peninsular India.

#### Diet

- Much like other members of the Dicuridae family, the Greater Racket-tailed Drongo primarily feeds on insects.
- However, they also frequently feed on fruits and nectar from flowering trees!

#### FUN FACT

The Greater Racket-tailed Drongo is known to exhibit kleptoparasitism against other birds - basically, stealing food from them! They usually do this by chasing another bird until they drop their prey item.

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