

Rare and Threatened Animal Classifications

	Mammals	Birds	Reptiles	Frogs	Fish	Butterflies	Total
Extinct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Endangered	6	6	0	7	0	0	19
Vulnerable	5	10	2	3	0	1	21
Rare	10	17	15	11	0	0	53
Total	21	33	17	21	0	1	93

Definitions

Extinct: Species are presumed extinct if they haven't been found in the last 50 years despite thorough searching.

Endangered: When species are at serious risk of disappearing from the wild within 10-20 years if current pressures continue.

Vulnerable: Species are not currently endangered but are at risk of becoming endangered because of long-term population decreases, or because they are found in areas which are likely to experience changes in land use.

Rare: Species may have a large population restricted to a small area, or may have a small population spread over a wide range.

Poorly known: Species which are suspected of belonging to the above categories, but there's not enough information about them.

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Stephen Goosem, *Wet Tropics Management Authority* 2005