

FULL ACCOUNT FOR: Felis catus



Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Mammalia	Carnivora	Felidae

Common name cat (English), domestic cat (English), pusiniveikau (English, Fiji), house cat

(English), Hauskatze (German), poti (Maori), feral cat (English)

**Synonym** 

**Similar species** 

**Summary** Felis catus was domesticated in the eastern Mediterranean c. 3000 years ago.

Considering the extent to which cats are valued as pets, it is not surprising that they have since been translocated by humans to almost all parts of the world. Notable predators, cats threaten native birdlife and other fauna, especially on islands where native species have evolved in relative isolation

from predators.

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#### **Species Description**

 $Felis\ catus$  is a small animal in the wild (up to 5kg, but more commonly 1.5 -3.0kg) but may be considerably heavier when domesticated. Colour is extremely variable in domesticated varieties and feral cats commonly revert to black, tabby or tortoiseshell with varying extents of white starting from the belly and breast.

### **Lifecycle Stages**

Gestation: 65 days. Weaning: 35-40 days. Sexual maturity: 9 months.

#### **Habitat Description**

Feral cats adapt to a variety of habitat types and circumstances. On the Australian continent they inhabit forests and woodland habitats in eastern, western and northern parts of the country (Dickman 1996). On Hahajima Island, Japan, feral cats have been observed widely in various kinds of habitats, including primary forests (Kawakami and Higuchi 2002). On Macquarie Island, (a sub-Antarctic Australian island) most cats live in herbfield or tussock grassland (Brothers Skira and Copson 1985), showing an ability to adapt to difficult terrain. A study of the habitat use and diet of feral cats in a Mediterranean habitat in a riparian reserve in central California (Hall *et al.* 2000, in Brickner 2003) can probably reflect on the situation in other areas with similar climatic areas. Cats in the reserve seemed to strongly prefer staying in riparian habitat. Hall and collegues (2000) suggest that this habitat provides ample cover and perhaps a variety of prey, especially birds. Cats in the study foraged mostly in the adjacent fields and annual grasslands and, to a lesser extent, in the riparian habitat (in Brickner 2003).

**System:** Terrestrial



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#### Reproduction

Domestic cats are intensive breeders, maybe due to the seasonal estrous cycle of the females, during which each female comes into heat several times until pregnancy or end of cycle (Gunther and Terkel 2002, in Brickner 2003). A female cat reaches reproductive maturity between 7 to 12 months of age can be in estrous as many as five times a year (Ogan and Jurek 1997, in Brickner 2003). The gestation period lasts 63 to 65 days (Nowak 1991, in Brickner 2003) and the average litter is four to six kittens (O'Donnell 2001, in Brickner 2003). Cats can reproduce any month of the year, where food and habitat is sufficient. An adult female may produce three litters per year (Fitzwater 1994, in Brickner 2003).

#### **Nutrition**

Male and female feral cat home ranges overlap (Say and Pontier 2004). The mean home range for feral cats in Hawaiian forests was 5.74km2 for males and 2.23km2 for females (Smucker *et al.* 2000). Australian studies have given mean home ranges of 7 to 28 hectares for domestic cats and up to 249.7 hectares for feral cats; while a New Zealand study posted home ranges of between 75 hectares and 985 hectares. Prey availability is a primary factor in determining home range size for feral cats (Edwards *et al.* 2001; Barratt 1997). Cat activity is bimodal, with peaks near dawn and dusk (Konecny 1987).

The diet of feral cats on islands may vary significantly to that of feral cats on the mainland, with cats often taking advantage of alternative food sources. On the tiny 28 hectare Herekopare Island, New Zealand, for example, there are no introduced or native species of mammals. Prior to elimination of feral cats there in 1970, fairy prion (see Pachyptila turtur in IUCN Red List of Threatened Species) comprised the bulk of the diet with other sea birds and occasional land birds making up most of the remainder (Fitzgerald and Veitch 1985, in Dickman 1996). The weta (a native insect in the order Orthoptera) also appeared to be important to individual cats; two cats' stomachs were found to contain over 100 insects each. Similarly, in the Galapagos Islands, birds are an important component of the feral cat's diet, with cats sometimes taking birds of similar mass to themselves, such as frigate birds (Fregata spp.), pelicans (Pelecanus spp.) and flightless cormorants (Phalacrocorax spp.) (Konecny 1987, in Dickman 1996). On Aldabra Atoll, Seychelles, hatchlings of the green turtle (see Chelonia mydas in IUCN Red List of Threatened Species) are seasonally predominant in the diet of feral cats (Seabrook, 1989). On Christmas Island, the introduced black rat (Rattus rattus) comprises almost one third of the diet of feral cats by weight, however, 21% of the diet is comprised of the large flying-fox (see Pteropus melanotus in IUCN Red List of Threatened Species) and 28% of the imperial pigeon (see Ducula whartoni in IUCN Red List of Threatened Species) (Tidemann et al. 1994, in Dickman 1996). \r\nClick here to see Major prey of feral cats in Australia (source: Dickman 1996).



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### **General Impacts**

The most obvious impact of feral cats is the predatory impact they exert on native prey populations; this has resulted in the probable local or regional decline or extinction of many species (Dickman 1996). However, unambiguous evidence of cats causing a decline in a prey species is difficult to find as other factors, such as other predator species, may also be involved in the decline (Dickman 1996). One exception to this is a study by Saunders (1991) which showed that cats killed 7% of nestlings of red-tailed cockatoos (*Calyptorhynchus magnificus*) over 11 breeding seasons in Western Australia. Several reintroduction programmes in Australia have failed, due to the predation pressure exerted by feral cats, often in conjunction with foxes. For example, the success of the reintroductions of the golden bandicoot (*Isoodon auratus*) and the burrowing bettong (*Bettongia lesueur*) in the Gibson Desert, Western Australia was hindered primarily by feral cat predation. In general, the predatory impact of cats primarily affects birds and small to medium-sized mammals (Dickman 1996). Endangered species around the world are threatened by the presence of cats, including the black stilt (see *Himantopus novaezelandiae* in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species) (New Zealand), the Okinawa woodpecker (see *Sapheopipo noguchii* in IUCN Red List of Threatened Species) (Japan) and the Cayman Island ground iguana (see *Cyclura lewisi* in IUCN Red List of Threatened Species), to list just some of the many species effected.\r\n

Changes in island fauna after the introduction of cats can provide compelling evidence of their predatory impact. Cats have been introduced to 40 islands off the coast of Australia; seven off the coast of New Zealand and several dozen islands elsewhere in the Pacific (Dickman 1992a, Veitch 1985, King 1973 1984, in Dickman 1996). Feral cats have been implicated in the decline of at least six species of island endemic birds in New Zealand, including the Stephens Island wren, the sooty shearwater (*Puffinus griseus*) and the kakapo (*Strigops habroptilus*), as well as 70 local populations of insular birds (King 1984, in Dickman 1996). The elimination of cats often leads to an increase in the population size of prey species. For example, following removal of cats from Little Barrier Island, New Zealand, the stitchbird (*Notiomystis cincta*) increased from less than 500 individuals to 3000 individuals in just a few years (Griffin *et al.* 1988, in Dickman 1996).



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#### **Management Info**

Cats were first domesticated in Egypt around 2000 BC (Serpell 1988, in Coleman *et al.* 1997, in Brickner 2003) and brought to Britain by 300AD by the Romans. European colonists introduced them around the globe (Coleman *et al.* 1997, in Brickner 2003). As cats are often revered as pets in our society this raises the moral dilemma of how to handle them when they have become a threat to native wildlife. Brickner (2003) suggests that animal rights organisations that condemn cat control via killing are over-looking the approximately 275 million animals killed by 9 million cats in Britain alone (Woods *et al.* in press). Obviously there are two quite different situations for management of the species, depending on the status of the cat: one is where a cat is a domesticated household pet and the other is when a cat has gone wild or feral and has no owner to protect and feed it.\r\n

When a cat is a pet, there are a number of ways in which to help prevent damage caused to wildlife. Brickner (2003) suggests keeping a cat in at night, fitting it with a bell, neutering the animal when it is young and giving it toys. However, the divided results of several investigations shows that the positive outcome of such actions is uncertain. Barrette (1998) found that fitting cats with bells has no significant effect on the amount of prey caught, whereas Ruxton *et al.* (2002) found that equipping cats with bells reduced prey delivery rates by about 50% (in Brickner 2003). Woods, McDonald and Harris (2003) found that the number of birds and herpetofauna brought home by cats was significantly lower in households that feed birds (but the number of actual different types of bird species killed was greater in households that feed birds). The number of mammals brought home per cat was lower when cats were equipped with bells or kept indoors at night, however, the number of herpetofauna brought home was greater when cats were kept in at night. The outcome of this is that there appears to be a subjective choice to be made as to whether it is more important to protect herpetofauna or mammals. Obviously, if the mammals being caught are introduced species, such as rats and mice, this raises another dilemma. \r\n

In the second situation, when a cat is feral and threatening wildlife, a more severe means of controlling cats appears justified. In 1992 the Australian Parliament passed the Endangered Species Protection Act 1992, which obligates the commonwealth to provide a Threat Abatement Plan (TAP) for each listed threatening process, including one for feral cats (Brickner 2003). The key objectives of the feral cat TAP are: eradicate feral cats from islands where they threaten vulnerable native animals; prevent feral cats from occupying new islands where they may be a threat to native communities; promote the recovery of species threatened by feral cats; improve the effectiveness and humaneness of cat control methods and improve the understanding of the impacts of feral cats on native animals. The use of visual lures (such as feathers and cotton wool) and attractants (such as tuna oil) are currently being tested in an effort to attract greater numbers of feral cats to traps and baits. The impact of feral cats on native wildlife is being studied in various parts of Australia in order to have it quantified (Brickner 2003).

Predation by feral cats was listed as a Key Threatening Process under the Federal Endangered Species Protection Act 1992. A Threat Abatement Plan for Predation by Feral Cats was produced in 1999 and amended in 2008 to promote the recovery of vulnerable and endangered native species and threatened ecological communities (Environment Australia 1999 and DEWHA 2008). A recently published review (Denny and Dickman (2010) assesses the efficacy of the methods used to estimate relative abundance of cats; describes currently used cat control methodologies; and discusses possible future directions for the control of cats in Australia. It also includes details of the current legislative framework that exists for cat control in Australia; describes the ecology of feral and stray cats exploiting various habitats. Please follow this link to view Denny E. A & C. R. Dickman 2010. Review of cat ecology and management strategies in Australia

#### Pathway

Many ships of the 18th and 19th centuries were infested with rats and so carried cats to control them. Taken by humans as pets then left behind or the young dispersed.

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# Red List assessed species 587: EX = 44; EW = 3; CR = 104; EN = 135; VU = 132; NT = 82; DD = 16; LC = 71;

Acanthophis rugosus LC

Acrocephalus aequinoctialis EN

Acrocephalus luscinius CR

Acrocephalus rodericanus EN

Acrocephalus taiti VU

Acrocephalus taiti VU

Acrocephalus vaughani EN

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Alauda razae CR

Amblysomus corriae NT

Anarhynchus frontalis VU

Anas chlorotis EN

Anas wyvilliana EN

Antechinomys laniger LC

Anthus novaeseelandiae LC

Aphelocoma coerulescens VU

Aplonis santovestris VU

Apteryx haastii VU

Apteryx owenii NT

Arvicola sapidus VU

Atelopus quanujo CR

Bavayia cyclura DD

Bavayia geitaina NT

Bavayia madjo NT

Bavayia ornata EN

Bavayia robusta NT

Bavayia septuiclavis NT

Bettongia penicillata CR

Brachylophus vitiensis CR

Bulweria bulwerii LC

Burhinus grallarius NT

Buteo galapagoensis VU

Caledoniscincus aquilonius NT

Caledoniscincus auratus EN

Caledoniscincus bodoi LC

Caledoniscincus cryptos DD

Caledoniscincus haplorhinus LC

Caledoniscincus renevieri EN

Callaeas cinereus EN

Calonectris edwardsii NT

Camarhynchus heliobates CR

Caprimulgus noctitherus EN

Celatiscincus similis EN

Celestus warreni CR

Chaeropus ecaudatus EX Chalcides viridanus LC

Charadrius melodus NT

Charadrius obscurus EN

Chaunoproctus ferreorostris EX

Chlamydosaurus kingii LC

Chrysococcyx basalis LC

Cnemaspis kandiana LC

Coenocorypha aucklandica NT

Coleura seychellensis CR

Columba argentina CR

Columba jouyi EX Columba versicolor EX

Conolophus subcristatus VU

Coracina newtoni CR

Corvus kubaryi CR

Crex crex LC

Crocidura trichura CR

Alayroides marchi EN

Anairetes fernandezianus NT

Anas aucklandica VU

Anas eatoni VU

Anolis longiceps VU

Anthornis melanocephala EX

Apalopteron familiare VU

Aphrastura masafuerae CR

Apteryx australis **VU** 

Apteryx mantelli EN

Aratinga brevipes EN

Aspidoscelis catalinensis VU

Bavayia crassicollis DD

Bavayia exsuccida EN

Bavayia goroensis EN

Bavayia montana DD

Bavayia pulchella NT

Bavayia sauvagii **DD** 

Bettongia lesueur NT

Bowdleria rufescens EX

Branta sandvicensis VU

Bulweria fallax NT

**Burramys parvus CR** 

Cabalus modestus EX

Caledoniscincus atropunctatus LC

Caledoniscincus austrocaledonicus LC

Caledoniscincus chazeaui EN

Caledoniscincus festivus LC

Caledoniscincus orestes EN

Caledoniscincus terma VU

Caloenas nicobarica NT

Caloprymnus campestris EX

Camarhynchus pauper CR

Celatiscincus euryotis EN Celestus anelpistus CR

Cettia haddeni NT

Chalcides simonyi EN

Chalinolobus tuberculatus VU

Charadrius mongolus LC Charadrius sanctaehelenae CR

Chelonia mydas EN

Chlamyphorus truncatus DD

Chthonicola sagittatus LC

Coccyzus ferrugineus VU

Coenocorypha pusilla VU

Collocalia elaphra VU

Columba duboisi **EX** 

Columba junoniae NT

Conilurus penicillatus NT Copsychus sechellarum EN

Corvus hawaiiensis EW

Coturnix novaezelandiae EX

Crocidura canariensis EN

Crotalus catalinensis CR Global Invasive Species Database (GISD) 2024. Species profile Felis catus. Available from:

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Cryptoblepharus novocaledonicus **LC** 

Ctenosaura palearis EN Cyanoramphus cookii EN

Cyclura carinata CR Cyclura cornuta VU Cyclura onchiopsis EX

Cyclura ricordii CR Dasycercus cristicauda **LC** Dasyornis broadbenti LC Dasyurus geoffroii NT Dasyurus maculatus NT Dasyurus viverrinus NT

Dierogekko insularis NT Dierogekko koniambo CR Dierogekko poumensis CR Dierogekko validiclavis EN

Diomedea antipodensis VU Diomedea exulans VU Diplothrix legata EN

Dipodomys margaritae CR Ducula aurorae EN

Dysmorodrepanis munroi EX

Elaenia ridleyana VU

Eleutherodactylus barlagnei EN Eleutherodactylus pinchoni EN

Emballonura semicaudata EN

Emoia adspersa EN Emoia loyaltiensis VU Epicrates monensis EN Eremiornis carteri LC **Euastacus armatus DD** Euastacus balanesis EN **Euastacus bindal CR Euastacus brachythorax EN** 

Euastacus claytoni EN Euastacus dalagarbe CR Euastacus diversus EN Euastacus fleckeri EN Euastacus girurmulayn CR Euastacus guruhgi CR

Euastacus hirsutus EN **Euastacus jagabar CR** Euastacus maccai EN **Euastacus mirangudjin CR** 

**Euastacus pilosus EN** Euastacus rieki EN **Euastacus setosus CR** Euastacus spinichelatus EN **Euastacus suttoni VU** Euastacus valentulus LC

Euastacus yanga LC **Euastacus yigara** CR Eudyptes pachyrhynchus VU

Euleptes europaea NT

Ctenosaura bakeri CR Cyanoramphus auriceps NT

Cyanoramphus novaezelandiae VU

Cyclura collei CR Cyclura lewisi CR Cyclura pinguis CR Cyclura stejnegeri EN Dasyornis brachypterus **EN** Dasyurus albopunctatus NT Dasyurus hallucatus EN Dasyurus spartacus **NT** Dierogekko inexpectatus CR Dierogekko kaalaensis CR Dierogekko nehoueensis CR Dierogekko thomaswhitei CR Diomedea amsterdamensis CR

Diomedea epomophora VU Diomedea sanfordi EN Dipodomys insularis CR Dipodomys stephensi EN Ducula pickeringii **VU** 

Dysmoropelia dekarchiskos EX

Elanus scriptus NT

Eleutherodactylus martinicensis NT

Eliurus myoxinus LC Emberiza socotrana VU Emoia lawesi EN Emoia nigra LC

Epthianura tricolor LC **Eretmochelys imbricata CR** Euastacus australasiensis LC Euastacus bidawalis EN Euastacus bispinosus **VU** Euastacus clarkae CR **Euastacus crassus EN** Euastacus dharawalus CR Euastacus eungella CR Euastacus gamilaroi CR Euastacus gumar EN Euastacus guwinus CR **Euastacus hystricosus EN** 

Euastacus jagara CR Euastacus maidae CR Euastacus monteithorum CR Euastacus polysetosus EN Euastacus robertsi CR **Euastacus simplex VU** Euastacus sulcatus VU Euastacus urospinosus EN Euastacus wiowuru NT Euastacus varreansis VU **Eudyptes chrysocome VU** Eudyptula minor LC



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<u>Eurydactylodes agricolae</u> **NT** <u>Eurydactylodes symmetricus</u> **EN** 

Falco araea VU
Felis margarita NT
Fossa fossana NT
Foudia sechellarum NT

Fulica alai **VU**Galidia elegans **LC** 

Gallicolumba erythroptera CR
Gallicolumba norfolciensis EX
Gallicolumba salamonis EX
Gallinula nesiotis VU
Gallirallus australis VU

Gallirallus dieffenbachii EX
Gallirallus okinawae EN
Gallirallus pacificus EX
Gallirallus sylvestris EN
Gallotia bravoana CR
Gallotia simonyi CR

Geocapromys ingrahami VU
Geomalia heinrichi NT
Geoscincus haraldmeieri CR
Gerygone modesta VU
Graciliscincus shonae VU
Haematopus chathamensis EN
Heleioporus australiacus VU
Hemignathus munroi EN

Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae NT Himantopus novaezelandiae CR Hypogeomys antimena EN Icterus northropi CR

Isoodon auratus VU
Kanakysaurus viviparus EN
Lacertoides pardalis VU
Lagorchestes conspicillatus LC
Lagostrophus fasciatus EN

Larosterna inca NT
Larus fuliginosus VU
Laterallus spilonotus VU
Leporillus conditor VU
Lewinia muelleri VU

Lioscincus nigrofasciolatum LC

Lioscincus steindachneri EN
Lioscincus vivae CR
Loxioides bailleui CR
Macroderma gigas VU
Macrotarsomys ingens EN
Macrotis leucura EX
Marmorosphax boulinda VU
Marmorosphax montana VU
Marmorosphax tricolor LC
Mayrornis versicolor VU
Megalurulus llaneae NT

Megalurulus whitneyi NT

<u>Eurydactylodes occidentalis</u> **CR** Eurydactylodes vieillardi **NT** 

Falco punctatus VU
Felis silvestris LC
Foudia flavicans VU
Fregata aquila VU
Fulica caribaea NT
Galidictis fasciata NT
Gallicolumba kubaryi VU
Gallicolumba rubescens VU

Gallicolumba sanctaecrucis EN
Gallinula pacifica CR
Gallirallus calayanensis VU
Gallirallus lafresnayanus CR
Gallirallus owstoni EW
Gallirallus philippensis LC
Gallotia auaritae CR
Gallotia intermedia CR
Gallotia stehlini LC

Geocapromys thoracatus EX
Geophaps smithii NT
Geotrygon caniceps VU
Goniurosaurus kuroiwae EN
Gymnomyza aubryana CR
Haematopus meadewaldoi EX
Hemignathus kauaiensis VU
Hemignathus parvus VU
Henicophaps foersteri VU
Hydromys chrysogaster LC
Hypsiprymnodon moschatus LC

Iguana delicatissima EN
Isoodon obesulus LC
Kanakysaurus zebratus EN
Lagorchestes asomatus EX
Lagorchestes hirsutus VU
Lampropeltis catalinensis DD

Larus bulleri EN
Larus hartlaubii LC
Leporillus apicalis CR
Leptotila wellsi CR
Lioscincus maruia EN

Lioscincus novaecaledoniae LC

Lioscincus tillieri NT
Litoria caerulea LC
Loxops coccineus EN
Macropus eugenii LC
Macrotis lagotis VU
Malurus leucopterus LC
Marmorosphax kaala CR
Marmorosphax taom CR
Mastacomys fuscus NT
Megadyptes antipodes EN
Megalurulus mariei LC
Megapodius bernsteinii VU



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Megapodius laperouse EN
Megapodius pritchardii EN
Mergus australis EX

Mesembriomys macrurus LC

Mimus graysoni CR Moho bishopi EX Myotis vivesi VU

Myzomela chermesina VU
Naultinus manukanus DD
Neophema chrysogaster CR

Neotoma bryanti **EN**Neotoma martinensis **EX**Nesoclopeus woodfordi **NT** 

Nesofregetta fuliginosa EN Nesospiza questi VU Nesotriccus ridgwayi VU Notoryctes caurinus DD

Numenius tahitiensis VU Oceanodroma tristrami NT Oligosoma acrinasum NT

<u>Oligosoma oliveri</u> **NT** <u>Onychogalea fraenata</u> **EN** 

Otus insularis EN

Papagomys armandvillei NT
Pelecanoides garnotii EN
Perameles bougainville EN
Peromyscus caniceps CR
Peromyscus guardia CR

<u>Peromyscus pseudocrinitus</u> **CR** Petrogale concinna **DD** 

Petroica traversi EN
Pezoporus occidentalis CR

Phalacrocorax chalconotus **VU**Phalacrocorax featherstoni **EN**Phalacrocorax nigrogularis **VU** 

Phascogale calura NT
Phascogale tapoatafa NT

Philoria frosti CR

Phoebastria nigripes EN
Phoebetria palpebrata NT
Phyllodactylus leei VU
Pinaroloxias inornata VU
Pitta superba VU
Platymantis vitianus EN
Podarcis levendis VU
Podarcis pityusensis NT
Pomarea fluxa EX
Pomarea whitneyi CR

Porzana astrictocarpus EX
Potorous gilbertii CR
Prionailurus bengalensis LC
Procellaria aeguinoctialis VU

Procellaria aequinoctialis VU
Procellaria parkinsoni VU
Prosobonia cancellata EN

<u>Megapodius nicobariensis</u> **VU** <u>Melamprosops phaeosoma</u> **CR** 

Mesembriomys gouldii NT
Microgoura meeki EX
Mimus melanotis EN
Mundia elpenor EX

Myrmecobius fasciatus EN
Naultinus gemmeus NT
Neodon sikimensis LC
Neotoma anthonyi EX
Neotoma bunkeri EX

Nesoclopeus poecilopterus **EX** 

Nesoenas mayeri **EN**Nesospiza acunhae **VU**Nesospiza wilkinsi **EN**Nestor notabilis **VU**Notoryctes typhlops **DD** 

Oceanodroma macrodactyla CR
Oedodera marmorata CR
Oligosoma notosaurus DD

Oligosoma notosaurus DD Oligosoma otagense EN Onychogalea lunata EX Palmeria dolei CR

Parantechinus apicalis EN
Pentalagus furnessi EN
Perameles eremiana EX
Peromyscus dickeyi CR
Peromyscus interparietalis CR

Peromyscus interparietalis Ci Peromyscus sejugis EN Petrogale penicillata NT Pezophaps solitaria EX Phalacrocorax campbelli VU Phalacrocorax colensoi VU Phalacrocorax harrisi VU Phalacrocorax onslowi CR Phascogale pirata VU

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Philesturnus carunculatus NT
Phoebastria irrorata CR
Phoebetria fusca EN
Phoniscus papuensis LC
Phyllomys thomasi EN
Pitta anerythra VU
Plagiodontia aedium EN

Plagiodontia aedium EN
Pluvianellus socialis NT
Podarcis lilfordi EN
Polytelis alexandrae NT
Pomarea mendozae EN
Porphyrio kukwiedei EX
Porzana sandwichensis EX
Potorous tridactylus LC
Prionailurus rubiginosus VU
Procellaria cinerea NT
Procellaria westlandica VU
Psephotus pulcherrimus EX



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Pseudantechinus mimulus EN
Pseudobulweria becki CR
Pseudobulweria rostrata NT
Pseudomys fumeus EN
Pseudomys oralis VU
Psittirostra psittacea CR
Pterodroma arminjoniana VU
Pterodroma axillaris EN
Pterodroma brevipes VU
Pterodroma cookii VU
Pterodroma externa VU
Pterodroma longirostris VU
Pterodroma madeira EN
Pterodroma madeira EN
Pterodroma phaeopygia CR

Pterodroma sandwichensis VU
Pteropus melanotus VU
Ptilinopus huttoni VU
Ptychoramphus aleuticus LC
Puffinus creatopus VU

Puffinus heinrothi VU
Puffinus mauretanicus CR
Puffinus opisthomelas NT
Puffinus yelkouan NT
Rallina canningi NT
Rattus tunneyi LC

Reithrodontomys spectabilis **CR**Rhacodactylus leachianus **LC**Rhacodactylus trachyrhynchus **EN**Rhionaeschna galapagoensis **EN** 

Sarothrura elegans LC
Scelarcis perspicillata LC
Scolopax celebensis NT
Sephanoides fernandensis CR
Sigaloseps deplanchei NT
Siphonorhis brewsteri NT
Sminthopsis butleri VU
Sminthopsis douglasi NT
Solenodon cubanus EN
Sorex pribilofensis EN
Spheniscus humboldti VU
Spheniscus mendiculus EN
Stercorarius antarcticus LC

Strigops habroptila CR
Suta flagellum LC
Sylvilagus mansuetus NT
Synthliboramphus craveri VU

Sterna fuscata LC

Syrmaticus soemmerringii NT

Tarsius dentatus VU
Tarsius pelengensis EN
Terpsiphone corvina CR

Thalassarche steadi **NT** 

Pseudobulweria aterrima CR
Pseudobulweria macgillivrayi CR
Pseudocheirus occidentalis VU
Pseudomys occidentalis LC
Pseudomys pilligaensis DD

Pseudomys pilligaensis DD
Pterodroma alba EN
Pterodroma atrata EN
Pterodroma baraui EN
Pterodroma cervicalis VU
Pterodroma defilippiana VU
Pterodroma feae NT

Pterodroma feae NT
Pterodroma leucoptera VU
Pterodroma macroptera LC
Pterodroma magentae CR
Pterodroma rupinarum EX
Pterodroma solandri VU
Pteropus pselaphon CR
Ptilinopus mercierii EX
Puffinus auricularis CR

Puffinus gravis LC
Puffinus huttoni EN
Puffinus newelli EN
Puffinus pacificus LC
Pyrrhula murina EN
Rallus semiplumbeus EN
Reithrodontomys raviventris EN
Rhacodactylus auriculatus LC

Rhacodactylus sarasinorum VU
Rhinophis oxyrhynchus LC
Rhynochetos jubatus EN
Saxicola dacotiae NT
Sciurus griseus LC
Scolopax mira VU
Setonix brachyurus VU
Sigaloseps ruficauda VU
Sminthopsis aitkeni CR
Sminthopsis dolichura LC
Sminthopsis psammophila EN
Solenodon paradoxus EN
Spheniscus demersus EN
Spheniscus magellanicus NT

Sterna bergii LC
Sterna virgata NT
Strophurus taenicauda NT

Spilogale pygmaea VU

Sylvilagus palustris LC
Sylvilagus palustris LC

Synthliboramphus hypoleucus VU

Tamias palmeri EN
Tarsius lariang DD
Tarsius tarsier VU

Thalassarche melanophrys EN

Thamnophis gigas **VU** 

<u>Theba geminata</u> **DD** <u>Thinornis novaeseelandiae</u> **EN** 



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Todiramphus ruficollaris VU Tokudaia osimensis EN Toxostoma guttatum CR Troglodytes cobbi VU Tropidoscincus aubrianus VU Tropidoscincus variabilis LC Turdus celaenops **VU** Turnagra tanagra EX Typhlops biminiensis NT Upupa antaios **EX** Vermivora crissalis NT Vini kuhlii EN Xantusia riversiana LC Xenosaurus platyceps EN Zoothera guttata EN Zoothera turipavae VU Zyzomys palatalis CR

Thinornis rubricollis NT

Thomomys mazama LC Tokudaia muenninki CR Tokudaia tokunoshimensis EN Traversia lyalli **EX** Troglodytes tanneri **VU** Tropidoscincus boreus LC Tupaia nicobarica EN Turdus Iherminieri VU Turnix melanogaster VU Tyto manusi VU Urosaurus auriculatus EN Vestiaria coccinea VU Vini peruviana VU Xenicus longipes EX Zenaida graysoni EW Zoothera terrestris EX Zosterops tenuirostris EN

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Invasive species - mammals is available from: http://www.conabio.gob.mx/invasoras/index.php/Especies invasoras - Mam%C3%ADferos [Accessed 30 July 2008]

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