

Important Wildlife Species of Jammu & Kashmir

KASHMIR

Hangul

Musk Deer

Markhor

Ibex

Serow

Black Bear

Brown Bear

Common Leopard

Snow Leopard

JAMMU

Musk Deer

Spotted Deer

Barking Deer

Markhor

Ibex

Tahr

Goral

Black Bear

Common Leopard

LADAKH

Ibex

Nayan (Tibetan Sheep)

Shapu

Tibetan Antelope

Tibetan Gazelle

Wild Yak

Snow Leopard

Pallas Cat

Black Necked Crane

Status as per IUCN's Red Data Book

#	<i>Species</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Status</i>
1	Snow Leopard	Ladakh, Kashmir & Jammu	Endangered
2	Common Leopard	Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh	Endangered
3	Brown Bear	Ladakh, Kashmir & Jammu	Endangered
4	Ibex	Ladakh, Kashmir, Jammu	Endangered
5	Himalayan Tahr	Jammu	Endangered
6	Markhor	Kashmir & Jammu	Critically Endangered
7	Serow	Kashmir & Jammu	Endangered
8	Hangul	Kashmir	Critically Endangered
9	Musk Deer	Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh	Endangered
10	Chiru (<i>Tibetan antelope</i>)	Ladakh	Critically Endangered
11	Tibetan Gazelle	Ladakh	Endangered
12	Golden Eagle	Kashmir, Ladakh & Jammu	Endangered
13	Western Tragopan	Kashmir & Jammu	Endangered
14	Cheer Pheasant	Kashmir, Jammu	Endangered

Hangul (*Cervus elaphus hanglu*)

Family: Cervidae

**J&K Wildlife (Protection) Act:
Schedule - I**

**IUCN Status: Critically
Endangered**

**A sub-species of European Red
Deer**

**Inhabit temperate forests
(broad-leaved - coniferous
forests intercepted with
meadows) between 1500 – 3600
m.**

**Commonly sighted (Oct - Feb) in
Dachigam National Park,
Srinagar**



Musk Deer (*Moschus chrysogaster*)

Family: Moschidae

**J&K Wildlife (Protection) Act:
Schedule - I**

IUCN Status: Endangered

A small mountain ruminant with a musk gland under the abdominal skin.

Found in sub-alpine oak, rhododendron forests, alpine scrubs & meadows.

Commonly seen in Overa – Aru, Limber Wildlife Sanctuaries, Kmr & Kishtwar National Park, Jammu



Chiru or Tibetan Antelope

(*Pantholops hodgsonii*)

Family: Bovidae

J&K Wildlife (Protection) Act:
Schedule - I

IUCN Status: Critically
Endangered

Distributed along the Tibetan
plateau

A migratory population visit
Ladakh during summer
season.

Trans Himalayan deserts
between 3250 – 5500 m.

Sighted in DBO area and
Chang Chen Mo Valley,
Ladakh



Himalayan tahr (*Hemitragus jemlahicus*)

Family: Bovidae

J&K Wildlife (Protection) Act:
Schedule - I

IUCN Status: Endangered

A copper – brown mountain
goat that lives in extremely
inaccessible terrain.

Inhabit precipitous slopes –
prefers oak forests.

Occasionally seen in Kishtwar
National Park, Jammu



Markhor (*Capra falconeri*)

Family: Bovidae

J&K Wildlife (Protection) Act:
Schedule - I

IUCN Status: Critically
Endangered

The largest mountain goat in
the world.

Found in dense pine and birch
forest, or open barren slopes.

Commonly sighted in Limber,
Lachipora & Hirpora Wildlife
Sanctuaries, Kashmir



Ibex (*Capra ibex*)

Family: Bovidae

**J&K Wildlife (Protection) Act:
Schedule - I**

IUCN Status: Endangered

**A dark brown goat with dull
white saddle patch.**

**Distributed along steep crags
above the tree line.**

**Frequently sighted at Kanji
Wildlife Sanctuary and Hemis
& Kishtwar National Parks.**



Bharal or Blue Sheep (*Pseudois nayaur*)

Family: Bovidae

**J&K Wildlife (Protection)
Act: Schedule - I**

IUCN Status: Lower Risk

**Lives in slate- blue shale
country and has a coat to
match.**

**Mountainous regions above
the tree line of open grassy
ground intercepted with
high cliffs.**

**Large herds frequented in
Hemis National Park, Ladakh**



Himalayan Brown Bear (*Ursus arctos*)

Family: Ursidae

J&K Wildlife (Protection) Act:
Schedule - I

IUCN Status: Endangered

Worlds largest terrestrial
omnivore

Found above tree line in alpine
scrub and meadows, occasionally
moves to sub-alpine forests.

Often seen in Limber and Hirpora
Wildlife Sanctuaries, Kmr. and
Kishtwar National Park, Jammu



Asiatic Black Bear (*Ursus thibetanus*)

Family: Ursidae

**J&K Wildlife (Protection) Act:
Schedule - I**

IUCN Status: Vulnerable

A large forest – dwelling bear also called the Moon Bear due to the crescent shaped white mark on its chest.

Heavily forested broad –leaved and coniferous forests.

Generally seen in all valley's Protected Areas particularly Dachigam National Park.



Common leopard (*Panthera pardus*)

Family: Felidae

J&K Wildlife (Protection) Act:
Schedule - I

IUCN Status: Engendered

The most adaptable big cat of
the Indian sub continent.

With versatile distribution
range – found in plains,
deciduous and evergreen
forests, scrub jungle and
fringes of human habitation.

Commonly seen in all
Protected Areas of J&K.



Snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*)

Family: Felidae

J&K Wildlife (Protection) Act:
Schedule - I

IUCN Status: Endangered

Adapted completely to live
in Snow – covered areas at
temperatures upto -400c.

Inhabits alpine stepee, grass
land and scrub above the
tree line.

Generally seen in Hemis
National Park, Ladakh



Black necked crane (*Grus antigone*)

**J&K Wildlife (Protection) Act:
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IUCN Status: Critically Endangered

The only high altitude crane, a few pairs found within the limits of Trans-Himalayan marsh.

Frequently seen in Tso-moriri lake, Ladakh.

