

Endangered mountain animals



When there are only a few animals left we say that they are endangered. This means that there are not enough of them left to survive in the wild and they might die out altogether. It is hard to estimate but scientists believe that between 200 and 2000 different species become extinct each year and most of these extinctions can be linked back to human activity.

Different stages of endangered



We would hope that all animals are rated in the category listed as least concern, but sadly there are many reasons that animals are becoming endangered. The place where they live is being reduced through increases in farming and population settlements. In addition, climate change is altering the conditions in which some animals need in which to grow.

Why are animals becoming endangered?

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| Humans | Pollution | Hunting and fishing | Invasive species |
| Cut down trees | Dropping litter | People hunt for fur | Animals kill each other |
| Build homes | Oil spills | People hunt for meat | Animals spread diseases |
| Build roads | Water Pollution | People hunt for fun | Animals compete for food |
| Turn swamps into farmland | Acid rain | | |

Mountain lion

With a population that numbers between only 30-50 individuals, mountain lions have become one of the most rare and endangered animals in the United States. The greatest threat to mountain lions is habitat loss. These animals require large territories of undisturbed land with enough prey.



Your task is to find a mountain animal that is endangered and create a fact file on it.

Information that you might want to include in your fact file include: where the animal lives; what the animal eats; how does the animal live? (large groups or on its own); why is the animal endangered; how many of the animal are left living in the wild; what could be done to save the mountain animal.

