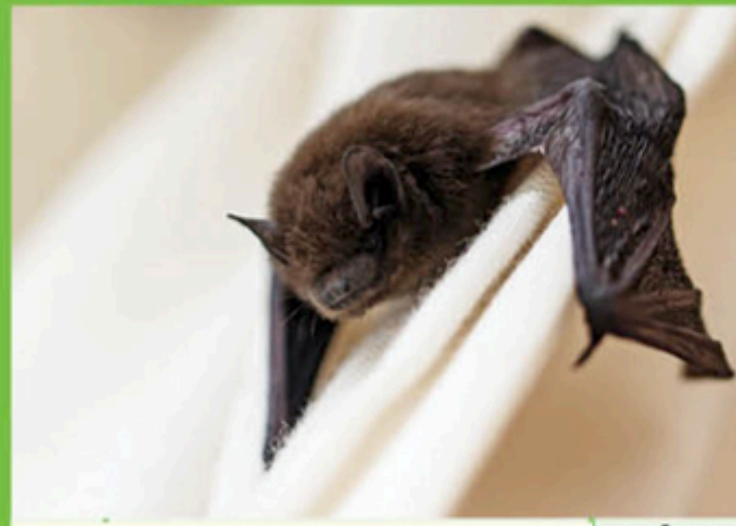


ENDANGERED WILDLIFE SPECIES IN ISRAEL



עטלפים
خفافيش
Bats

Insect-eating bats were affected in the past by intentional poisoning and are still recovering. Several species are threatened due to damage to caves, light pollution, and collisions with wind turbines.



לוטרה
كلب الماء
Eurasian Otter

The Eurasian Otter lives in aquatic habitats in northern Israel. It is disappearing due to river drainage, removal of streambank vegetation, pollution of freshwater bodies, and wildlife-vehicle collisions.



צבי א"י
غزال
Mountain Gazelle

Mountain Gazelles are disappearing due to habitat fragmentation. Their populations are also being decimated by growing populations of predators such as stray dogs, illegal hunting, wildlife-vehicle collisions, and others. It is also globally threatened.



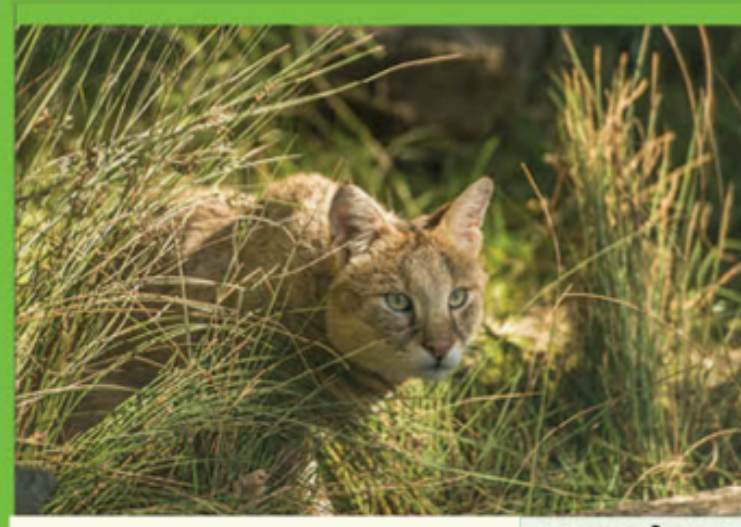
צבוע מפוספס
ضبع
Striped Hyena

The Striped Hyena is a predator adapted to scavenging. It is disappearing due to the use of chemicals and pesticides in agriculture, and wildlife-vehicle collisions.



נשר מקראי
النسر الأسمر
Eurasian Griffon

Eurasian Griffons are disappearing for many reasons, such as poisoning, diminishing food sources, electrocution and powerline collision, and disturbance at breeding sites. They are extremely vulnerable to collisions with wind farms.



חתול ביצות
قط بري
Jungle Cat

Jungle Cats are disappearing due to destruction of aquatic habitats, water sources and the plant thickets surrounding them, rodent poisoning on farmlands and a reduction of fishing farms.



גירית דבש
غريبر العسل
Honey Badger

The Honey Badger lives in a variety of habitats. It is disappearing due to wildlife-vehicle collisions, and poisoning and hunting by beekeepers, since the badger causes damage to beehives.



מרון חולות
فأر الرمال
Buxton Jird

Buxton's Jird is found on coastal sand dunes south to the northern Negev. It is disappearing due to the expansion of farmland, settlements, roads, military activity, and off-road vehicle movement in these areas.



צולל ביצות
بطة حديدية
Ferruginous Duck

Ferruginous Duck is disappearing due to drainage and intensification of aquatic habitats where it breeds. It is also globally threatened.



שדמית אדומת-כנף
أبو اليسر
Collared Pratincole

Collared Pratincoles breed in cultivated fields and exposed plains. They are threatened by toxins in agriculture, loss of breeding sites due to infrastructure development and construction, and land-use changes – often caused by agricultural intensification.



חבורה מדברית
الحباري
MacQueen's Bustard

The MacQueen's Bustard is disappearing due to loss and degradation of its breeding grounds in the Negev, disturbance by grazing, military, and off-road vehicles, and hunting. It is also globally threatened.



בז אדום
العويسق
Lesser Kestrel

Lesser Kestrels are disappearing due to reduced food availability following urban expansion, agricultural intensification and loss of shrublands in which they hunt for food.



שנונית באר-שבע
سحلية بئر السبع
Be'er Sheva Fringe-fingered Lizard

Once the most common reptile on the loess plains of the Northern Negev and Southern Judean Desert, the lizard resided in areas destroyed by housing development, agriculture, plantings, vehicle movement, grazing, and the spread of predatory cattle egrets. It is also globally threatened.



חרדון צב הדור
ضب سيناء المزوق
Ornate Mastigure

The Ornate Mastigure lives in rocky habitats in warm deserts. It is being harmed by habitat loss, wildlife trafficking, habitat disturbance by off-road vehicles, and disturbance by tourists.



צב ים ירוק
سلحفاة البحر الخضراء
Green Turtle

Green Turtles were widely hunted in the past. Today they are disappearing due to loss of coastal habitats and disturbance of egg-laying following coastal development, movement of people and vehicles, lighting, direct injury by sea craft, and accidental ingestion of plastic. It is also globally threatened.



צב יבשה מצוי
سلحفاة برية
Common Tortoise

This tortoise is disappearing due to shrinking open landscapes, illegal collection for home rearing, off-road vehicle movement, increase densities predators - crows and stray dogs. It is globally threatened.



עגולשון שחור גחון
الضفدع أسود البطن
Hula Painted Frog

The Hula Painted Frog is endemic to the Hula Valley. It disappeared when the Hula Lake was drained in the 1950s; surprisingly, a few individuals of this species were rediscovered in 2011. It is also globally threatened.



חפרית מצויה
خلد
Syrian Spadefoot Toad

This toad's tadpoles develop in seasonal pools; adults survive the summer buried deep underground. They are disappearing due to habitat loss and degradation, and fragmentation.



סלמנדרה מצויה
عروس الماء، أبو رفلين
Spotted Salamander

Spotted Salamander tadpoles develop in springs, seasonal pools, and slow-flowing creeks. Adults live in aquatic habitats. They are disappearing due to habitat loss and degradation, including pollution. They are also globally threatened.



טריטון פסים
سمندل الماء
Banded Newt

Banded Newts are disappearing due to destruction and drainage of wetlands, pollution of water sources and habitat fragmentation.

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