# Important Wildlife Species of Jammu & Kashmir

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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:
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IUCN Status: Endangered

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

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

Commonly seen in Overa – Aru, Limber Wildlife Sanctuaries, Kmr & Kishtwar National Parks, Jammu
Chiru or Tibetan Antelope

( *Pantholops hodgsonii*)

Family: Bovidae

J&K Wildlife (Protection) Act:
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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:
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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: 
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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:
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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:
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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.