

# **HELP TO SAVE**

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Below is a list of just ten endangered animals and why they are endangered:

1. Giant pandas: Fewer than 2500 giant pandas are left due to disease, habitat loss, poaching, predation and starvation.
2. Tigers: Less than 4000 tigers are left in the wild as a result of poaching and slash-and-burn agriculture which is destroying their natural habitat.
3. Snow Leopards: Only about 6500 snow leopards are left in the wild due to poaching and overhunting of its natural prey.



4. Blue whales: The current Blue whale population has been lowered by 90% due to whaling, ship collisions and entanglement in fishing nets.
5. Asian elephant: The current population is around 40000-50000 but could be lower due to poaching and conflict for space and resources.
6. Orangutan: Current orangutan numbers are below 60000 in the wild due to logging and capturing for the exotic pet trade
7. Gorilla: Only around 220000 gorillas are left in the wild due to poaching and habitat encroachment
8. Sea otter: Only a third of their original population (30000) is left due to killer whale predation, poaching for their fur and oil spills



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9. Red Squirrel: The red squirrel population has dropped from 3.5 million to under 140000 due to disease spread by grey squirrels and fights for territory against the greys

10. Polar bear: The current polar bear population is around 20-31 thousand due to climate change and global warming

## **How can you help?**

**Now that you know why these animals are endangered, here are twenty ways to help:**

1. Adopt an animal, the fund will go directly towards saving that animal.
2. Reduce, recycle, reuse where possible.
3. Don't litter.
4. Purchase sustainable, recycled, biodegradable goods.
5. Pick up after your pets, their waste products harm animals that come in contact with it.
6. Use less water.
7. Host or participate in a beach cleanup.
8. Grow a garden, plants absorb excess rainfall so habitats in close proximity to large quantities of water will not have their homes flooded and/or destroyed.
9. Learn more about the threats facing these animals and share your knowledge.
10. Use nontoxic household cleaning products.



11. Donate to charities attempting to help them.
12. Dispose of waste properly.
13. Plant trees to provide woodland animals a home and absorb rainwater.
14. Use eco-friendly products.
15. Tell everyone of these animal's plight, make yourself heard!
16. Fight climate change.
17. Use energy efficient light bulbs, less factories will have to be made and so less habitats will be destroyed.
18. Visit a national park, zoo or protected area to learn more about these amazing but threatened animals. Your entrance fee will also be donated towards saving endangered animals around the world.
19. Keep your pet under control when outdoors or at a national park, zoo or protected area so they do not frighten the nearby animals and cause them to worry/panic/run away.
20. Always be careful when driving so as not to run anything over and check the labels of everything you buy at the shops to check they are sustainable and will not damage the environment.



Well, there are 20 tips to help save endangered animals. If you don't feel like doing anything like that, you can always make a bird/squirrel box/feeder so they have somewhere to live and/or get yours. Remember, when making a squirrel box/feeder make sure the opening is big enough for a red but too small for a grey to get into/get food out of. Well, that's all from me for this week.

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