

Mammalian Orders

Need to know

Orders listed with description

- Monotremata: egg laying mammals
- Marsupials: pouched mammals
- Insectivora: mouse-like, feeding on ants, grubs, beetles etc.
- Rodentia: largest order of placental mammals
- Lagomorpha: long ears and gnawing mammals
- Chiroptera: flying mammals
- Edentata: mammals with no or small teeth
- Proboscidea: mammals with trunks
- Artiodactyla: hoofed mammals with an even number of toes
- Perissodactyla: hoofed mammals with odd number of toes
- Carnivora: meat eaters
- Pinnipedia: aquatic, feeding on fish leaves water to rest
- Cetacea: aquatic mammals with blow holes
- Sirenia: aquatic, slow moving, feeding on plants
- Primates: intelligent, well-developed hands

Orders listed with examples of the species included

- Monotremata: duckbill platypus, echidna
- Marsupials: opossum, koala, kangaroo
- Insectivora: moles, shrews and hedgehogs
- Rodentia: rats, beavers, porcupines and squirrels
- Lagomorpha: rabbits and hares
- Chiroptera: bats
- Edentata: anteaters, sloths and armadillos
- Proboscidea: African and Indian Elephants
- Artiodactyla: pigs, deer, cattle, sheep and camels
- Perissodactyla: horses, tapirs and rhinoceroses
- Carnivora: bears, dogs, cats, skunks
- Pinnipedia: walruses, seals and sea lions
- Cetacea: whales, dolphins and porpoises
- Sirenia: manatees and dugongs
- Primates: humans, apes, monkeys and marmosets