Red List for Wales’s Mammals

1 in 3 species threatened with extinction

51% need urgent action

Harvest mouse
Nests in tall grass and spends much of its life off the ground. Affected by lack of rough grass and scrub, changes to cereal production, and trend of increasingly wet summers.

Red squirrel
Lost from > 60% of its range in last 13 years. Main cause is transmission of disease from grey squirrels. Remains in very few locations: Anglesey a stronghold.

Pine marten
Population was too small to be viable, following long-term persecution, so reinforcement programme began in 2015, using animals from Scotland.

Wildcat
Exterminated at start of 20th Century

European Wolf
Exterminated in 17th Century

Critically Endangered
Pine marten

Endangered
Red squirrel • Water vole • Bechstein’s bat

Vulnerable
Harvest mouse • Hedgehog • Hazel dormouse • Otter • Nathusius’ pipistrelle bat • Serotine bat • Barbastelle bat

Near Threatened
Leisler’s bat • Greater horseshoe bat • Stoat

Data Deficient
Wild boar • Alcathoe bat • Brandt’s bat • Whiskered bat

20 species = 51% ‘at risk’ or lost

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