

Species on the Edge

VOCABULARY

extinct

a species that has completely

disappeared

extirpated

a species that is locally extinct (extinct in a particular state or country, but still present elsewhere)

endangered

a species in immediate danger of
extinction

threatened

a species present in its range, but threatened
because of a decline in numbers

rare

a species not presently in danger, but of concern because of low numbers.

Some species will always be rare because of their position in the food chain or because of habitat preference

habitat

the type of environment a species lives in
(wetlands, desert, forest)

range

geographic area a species lives in (sub-Saharan Africa, the Western Hemisphere)

ecosystem

all the living things, from plants and animals to microscopic organisms, that share an environment