

A SYSTEMATIC LIST OF MAMMALS REPORTED FROM KERALA, INDIA

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Introduction

Four thousand six hundred and twenty nine species of mammals have been recorded so far from the world over. India harbours 408 species, of which 38 are endemic to the country (Alfred, 2002). In proportion to the land area, the abundance and endemism of mammalian species in the country are very high. As Kerala endows a part of the biodiversity-rich Western Ghats, it is also very rich in the diversity of mammalian species. Sadasivan (1987) dealt with 47 species of mammals known from Kerala. Nair and Easa (1997) mentioned 75 species of terrestrial mammals pertaining to Kerala. Balakrishnan (1997) reported 78 species of terrestrial and 25 species of aquatic mammals occurring in Kerala. A thorough perusal of scientific literature reveals that 96 species of terrestrial mammals and 13 species of aquatic mammals (excluding the domestic ones) occur in Kerala (Table 1).

Some of the species of rodents and

bats reported from border areas outside Kerala are not included in Table 1 due to the want of confirmed reports of their occurrence in Kerala, though some of them may eventually be found in Kerala as well. A list of such species is presented in Table 2. In Kerala, bats form the most species-rich group consisting of 28 species followed by rodents forming a group of 23 species.

Along with the common English names, vernacular Malayalam names of the species dealt with are also provided in the current list. Since some of the smaller mammals like shrews, bats and rodents have no Malayalam names, we have attempted to coin their names (marked in asterisk). The nomenclature followed here is mainly based on Honacki (1982) and Wilson and Reeder (1993). Besides, the work of Bates and Harrison (1997) on bats and those of Agrawal (2000), Ellerman (1961), Khajuria *et al.* (1997) and Pradhan *et al.* (1997) on rodents have also been consulted.

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Table 1
Systematic list of Mammals reported from Kerala

Scientific Name (Including Subspecies represented in Kerala)	Common English Names & Malayalam Names (in brackets)	Distribution of species in Kerala	Distribution of species in India and elsewhere	Status
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ORDER: INSECTIVORA				
FAMILY: ERINACIDAE				
1. <i>Paraechinus micropus</i> (Blyth)	Pale Hedge Hog/ Small footed Hedge Hog (Ithil Panni/Velipanni)	Kottayam District	N.W.India, S.India and Pakistan	-
FAMILY: SORICIDAE				
2. <i>Suncus murinus</i> (Linnaeus)	Grey Musk Shrew/ Common House Shrew (Nacheli/Mocheneli/ Mookeneli)	Throughout Kerala	Indian Sub- continent, China, S.E. Asia, Indonesia	-
3. <i>S. etruscus</i> (Savy) <i>S. e.perrotteti</i> (Duvernoy)	Savy's Pigmy Shrew (Cheru Nacheli)*	Eravikulam NP	S. Europe, W.Asia, N.Africa, Afghanistan through Indian Sub-continent, China,Thailand	-
4. <i>S. dayi</i> Dobson	Dayi's Shrew (Dayi Nacheli)*	Ernakulam and Thrissur districts	S. India (Western Ghats)	-
5. <i>S. montanus</i> (Kelaart)	Montane Shrew (Mala Nacheli)*	Eravikulam NP	S. India, Sri Lanka	-
6. <i>Feroculus feroculus</i> (Kelaart)	Kelaart's long-clawed Shrew (Kelaart Nacheli)*	Eravikulam NP	S. India, Sri Lanka	-

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ORDER : SCANDENTIA				
FAMILY : TUPAIIDAE				
7. <i>Ananthana ellioti</i> (Waterhouse)	Madras Tree Shrew/ Indian Tree Shrew (Marathurappan)	Wynad WLS	Peninsular India. Northern limit being M.P. and Bihar	-
<i>A.e.ellioti</i> (Waterhouse)				
ORDER : CHIROPTERA				
FAMILY : PTEROPODIDAE				
8. <i>Cynopterus sphinx</i> (Vahl)	Short-nosed Fruit Bat (Kurumoochan Pazha Vowval)	Throughout Kerala	Indian Sub- continent, Sri Lanka, S.E. Asia, Indonesia.	-
<i>C. s. sphinx</i> (Vahl)				
9. <i>C. brachyotis</i> (Muller)	Lesser dog-faced Fruit Bat	Silent Valley NP	India, Sri Lanka, S.E. Asia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines	-
<i>C. brachyotis ceylonensis</i> (Gray)	(Shwanamughan Vowval)*			
10. <i>Pteropus giganteus</i> (Brunnich)	Indian Flying Fox/ Great Indian Fruit Bat (Parackum Kurukkan)	Throughout Kerala	Indian Sub- continent	-
<i>P. g. giganteus</i> (Brunnich)				
11. <i>Rousettus leschenaulti</i> (Desmarest)	Indian Fulvous Fruit Bat/Fulvous Fox Bat	Throughout Kerala	Indian Sub- continent, S. China, S.E. Asia	-
<i>R. l. leschenaulti</i> (Desmarest)	(Thavidan Pazhavowval)*			
FAMILY : EMBELLONURIDAE				
12. <i>Taphozous melanopogon</i> Temminck	Bearded Sheath tailed Bat/ Black- bearded Tomb Bat.	Thiruvananthapuram and Ernakulam districts	India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, South China, S.E. Asia, Indonesia.	-
<i>T. m. melanopogon</i> Temminck*	(Karinthadi Uravaalan Vowval)			

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13. <i>T. longimanus</i> Hardwicke <i>T.l. longimanus</i> Hardwicke	Long-winged Tomb Bat (Neelkayyan Uravalan Vowval)*	Ernakulam District	India, Sri Lanka, S.E. Asia, Indonesia.	-
14. <i>T. saccolaimus</i> Temminck	Pouch bearing Bat (Gala sanchi Vowval)*	Thrissur and Ernakulam districts	India, Sri Lanka, S.E. Asia to Australia and Solomon Islands.	-
FAMILY: MEGADERMATIDAE				
15. <i>Megaderma lyra</i> E. Geoffroy <i>M.l. lyra</i> E. Geoffroy	Large-eared Vampire Bat/Indian False Vampire (Indian Kapda Vampire)	Throughout Kerala	India, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, South China, S.E. Asia.	-
16. <i>M. spasma</i> Linnaeus <i>M.s. spasma</i> (Linnaeus)	Malay False Vampire (Malay Kapada Vampire)*	Thrissur, Ernakulam, Thiruvananthapuram and Palakkad districts	India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, S.E. Asia, Indonesia, Philippines	-
FAMILY: RHINOLOPIDAE				
17. <i>Hipposideros fulvus</i> Gray <i>H. f. fulvus</i> Gray	Fulvous Leaf-nosed Bat (Thavidan Ilamookkan Vowval)*	Ernakulam District	India, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Vietnam.	-
18. <i>H. speoris</i> Schneider	Indian Horse-shoe Bat/Schneider's Leaf-nosed Bat (Indian Kuthiraladam Vowval)	Kozhikode, Ernakulam and Thiruvananthapuram districts	Peninsular India, Sri Lanka, Borneo, Timor	-
19. <i>H. ater</i> Templeton	Dusky Leaf-nosed Bat (Irulan Ilamookkan Vowval)*	Thiruvananthapuram Alappuzha, Ernakulam, Kozhikode and Thrissur districts	India, Sri Lanka, S.E. Asia to Australia	-
20. <i>H. pomona</i> Anderson	Anderson's Leaf-nosed Bat (Andersons Ilamookkan Vowval)*	Thrissur and Alappuzha districts	India, Sri Lanka, S.E. Asia, South China.	Data deficient+

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21. <i>Rhinolophus rouxi</i> Temminck <i>R. r. rouxi</i> Temminck	Indian Horseshoe Bat/ Rufous Leaf Bat. (Thavidan Kuthiraladam Vowval)*	Thrissur, Ernakulam Malappuram, Palakkad and Kannur districts	India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Myanmar, S. China, Vietnam.	-
22. <i>R. lepidus</i> Blyth <i>R. l. lepidus</i> Blyth	Blyth's Horseshoe Bat/ Little Indian Horseshoe Bat. (Cheru Kuthiraladam Vowval)*	Kozhikode, Kollam and Silent Valley National Park	India, Nepal, Myanmar, S. China, Thailand	-
23. <i>R. beddomei</i> Anderson	Lesser Woolly Horseshoe Bat (Chinna Kuthiraladam Vowval)*	Wynad, Palakkad, Kannur and Thrissur districts	S. India and Sri Lanka	-
FAMILY: MOLOSSIDAE				
24. <i>Tadarida aegyptiaca</i> (E. Geoffroy)	Egyptian Free Tailed Bat (Elivalan Vowval)*	Thrissur and Ernakulam districts.	West Africa, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman to India and Sri Lanka	-
FAMILY: VESPERTILIONIDAE				
25. <i>Kerivoula picta</i> (Pallas) <i>K. p. picta</i> (Pallas)	Painted Bat (Chitra Vowval)	Kottayam, Thrissur, Kozhikode and Kannur districts	Indian Sub-continent, Myanmar, S.E. Asia, Indonesia, Philippines	-
26. <i>Pipistrellus ceylonicus</i> (Kelaart) <i>P. c. indicus</i> (Dobson)	Kelaart's Pipistrelle (Kelaart Adakkavathil)*	Wynad and Thrissur districts	Indian Sub-continent Myanmar, S.E. Asia, Indonesia.	-
27. <i>P. coromandra</i> (Grey)	Coromandel Pipistrelle/ Indian Pipistrelle/ Little Indian Bat. (Chinnam Adakkavathil)*	Kerala part of Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve. (Locality not specified)	Afghanistan to Southern China, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam	-

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28. <i>P. tenuis</i> (Temminck)	Least Pipistrelle (Cheru Adakkavathil)	Thrissur and Ernakulam districts.	Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka to Vietnam and Thailand	-
29. <i>P. affinis</i> (Dobson)	Chocolate Pipistrelle (Chocolate Adakkavathil)*	Wynad District	India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Myanmar, Tibet.	-
30. <i>P. dornieri</i> (Dobson)	Dormer's Bat (Dormerude Adakkavathil)*	Thrissur District	India, Pakistan	-
31. <i>Scotophilus heathi</i> Horsefield	Asiatic Greater Yellow House Bat (Mannha Vowval)	Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam and Thrissur districts.	Afghanistan, Indian Sub- continent, Southern China, S.E. Asia.	-
32. <i>S. kuhlii</i> Leach <i>S.k. kuhlii</i> Leach	Common Yellow Bat/ Asiatic Lesser Yellow House Bat. (Cheru Mannha Vowval)	Palakkad District	Indian Sub-continent, Myanmar, China, S.E. Asia.	-
33. <i>Tylonecteris pachypus</i> (Temminck)	Bamboo Bat/ Flat- headed Bat/Club - footed Bat. (Chattithalayan Vowval)*	Thrissur District	India, Southern China, Myanmar, S.E. Asia, Philippines	-
34. <i>Myotis horsfieldii</i> (Temminck).	Peshwa's Bat (Cheviyan Vowval)*	Silent Valley National Park, Kozhikode district	Indian Sub-continent.	-
35. <i>M. montivagus</i> (Dobson)	Burmese Whiskered Bat (Burmese Vowval)*	Kozhikode district	India, Myanmar, China, Malaysia, Indonesia	Lower Risk, Near Threat- ened+

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36. <i>Harpiocephalus harpia</i> (Temminck) <i>H. h. madrasensis</i> Thomas	Hairy-winged Bat (Romachirakan Vowval)*	Silent Valley NP	Indian Sub-continent S.E. Asia, Vietnam, Indonesia.	-
ORDER : PRIMATES				
FAMILY : LORISIDAE				
37. <i>Loris tardigradus</i> (Linnaeus) <i>L. t. malabaricus</i> (Wroughton)	Slender Loris (Thevangu, Kuttithevangu, Kuttisrangu, Aramana Kunju, Moitan Kunju)	Wildlife Sanctuaries: Aralam, Wynad, Chinnar	South India, Sri Lanka.	Vulne- rable++
FAMILY : CERCOPITHECIDAE				
38. <i>Macaca radiata</i> (Geoffroy) <i>M. r. diluta</i> Pocock	Bonnet Macaque (Nadan Kurangu/ Vella Kurangu/Vella manthi, Mocha/ Thoppi Kurangu)	Throughout Kerala	South India	-
39. <i>Macaca silenus</i> (Linnaeus)	Lion-tailed Macaque (Simhavalan Kurangu/ Nalla Manthi/ Shingala)	Parambikulam, Aralam, Wildlife Silent Valley NP, Periyar TR	South India (Southern Western Ghats)	Endan- gered+
40. <i>Semnopithecus entellus</i> (Dufresne) <i>S. e. priam</i> Blyth <i>S. e. anchises</i> Blyth <i>S. e. hypoleucos</i> Blyth	Common Langur/ Hanuman Monkey. (Hanuman Kurangu)	Forested tracts of Kerala	India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Southern Tibet.	-
41. <i>Trachypithecus johnii</i> (J.Fisher)	Nilgiri langur/South Indian Leaf Monkey/ South Indian Black Leaf Monkey/ John's Langur/ Long-tailed Monkey. (Karingurangu/ Karimanthi)	Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks	South India (Western Ghats)	Indermi- nate+

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ORDER : CARNIVORA				
FAMILY : CANIDAE				
42. <i>Canis aureus</i> Linnaeus <i>C. a. naria</i> Wroughton	Jackal (Kurukkan/Oolan/ Kurunari)	Throughout Kerala more numbers in North Kerala.	S.E. Europe, N. & E. Africa, Middle East, C. Asia to Indian Sub-continent, Myanmar, Thailand.	-
43. <i>Vulpes bengalesnsis</i> (Shaw)	Indian Fox. (Kurukkan)	Throughout Kerala	India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal.	Indeter- minate+
44. <i>Cuon alpinus</i> (Pallas) <i>C. a. laniger</i> Pocock	Indian Wild Dog/Dhole. (Kattu navi/ Chennai, Kattupatti)	Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks	India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, China, Russia, Korea, Mongolia, S.E. Asia.	Vulner- able+
FAMILY : URSIDAE				
45. <i>Melursus ursinus</i> (Shaw) <i>M. u. ursinus</i> (Shaw)	Sloth Bear (Madiyan Karadi/ Thein Karadi/ Punikaradi)	Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks	India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal	Vulnera- ble+
FAMILY : MUSTELLIDAE				
46. <i>Amblonyx cinereus</i> (Illiger) <i>A. c. nirnai</i> (Pocock)	Clawless Otter/Oriental Small-clawed Otter. (Neernai)	Eravikulam National Park, Periyar Tiger Reserve	India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, South China, Taiwan, S. E. Asia to Sumatra	Insuffic- iently Known+
47. <i>Lutra lutra</i> (Linnaeus) <i>L. l. nair</i> F. Cuvier	Common/Eurasian Otter (Neernai)	Throughout Kerala (mostly in hilly forested tracts and reservoirs)	Eurasia, N.W. Africa to India, Sri Lanka to S.E. Asia.	Vulner- able+
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48. <i>Lutra perspicillata</i> I. Geoffroy <i>L. p. perspicillata</i> I. Geoffroy	Smooth-coated Otter (Neernai/Kahnai)	Throughout Kerala (mostly in plains)	Iraq, India, Bangladesh Myanmar, S.E. Asia, S.W. China, Indonesia.	Insuffi- ciently Known+
49. <i>Martes gwathinsi</i> (Horsefield)	Nilgiri Marten/ South Indian yellow throated Marten. (Maranay)	Silent Valley, Eravikulam National Parks and Periyar Tiger Reserve.	South India (Southern Western Ghats)	Vulner- able+
FAMILY : VIVERRIDAE				
50. <i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i> (Pallas) <i>P. h. hermaphroditus</i> (Pallas)	Palm civet/Toddy Cat (Marapatti/ Marameru/ Kallunnimeru/ Pazhamunni)	Throughout Kerala	India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan Myanmar, S.E. Asia, Indonesia, Philippines.	-
51. <i>P. jerdoni</i> Blandford	Brown Palm Civet/ Jerdon's Palm Civet (Kanthakeeri/Thavidan Keeri/Chemban Marappatti)	Silent Valley National Park, Periyar Tiger Reserve and Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary	Western India.	Vulner- able+
52. <i>Viverra civettina</i> (Blyth)	Malabar Civet (Malabar Veruku/ Malameru/ Javad meru /Kannan chandu)	Malappuram District	South India (Southern Western Ghats)	Endang- ered+
53. <i>Viverricula indica</i> (Desmarest) <i>V. i. indica</i> (Desmarest)	Small Indian Civet (Meru/Veruku/ Pulliveruku/ Cheru veruku.	Throughout Kerala	India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar S. China, Indonesia	-

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FAMILY : HERPESTIDAE				
54. <i>Herpestes edwardsi</i> (Geoffroy) <i>H. e. edwardsi</i> Geoffroy	Common Mongoose/ Indian Grey Mongoose (Naadan Keeri/ Keeri)	Throughout Kerala	E & C. Arabia to Indian Sub-continent	-
55. <i>H. fuscus</i> Waterhouse	Nilgiri Brown Mongoose /Indian Brown Mongoose (Thavidan Keeri)	Periyar Tiger Reserve, Silent Valley National Park	South India, Sri Lanka.	-
56. <i>H. smithi</i> Gray	Ruddy Mongoose (Chunayan Keeri)	Protected areas	India, Sri Lanka	-
57. <i>H. vitticollis</i> Bennett <i>H. v. vitticollis</i> Bennett	Stripe-necked Mongoose (Chengeeri)	Periyar Tiger Reserve, Eravikulam NP.	South India, Sri Lanka	-
FAMILY : FELIDAE				
58. <i>Panthera tigris</i> (Linnaeus) <i>P. t. tigris</i> (Linnaeus)	Tiger (Kaduva/ Nari)	Protected areas	Oriental region (except Borneo and Philippines), Siberia, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan.	Endan- gered+
59. <i>P. pardus</i> (Linnaeus)	Leopard/Panther (Pullippuli)	Protected areas	N. Africa, Middle East, N. Caucasias, Oriental region, Korea, N. China.	Vulner- able++
60. <i>Felis bengalensis</i> Kerr <i>F. b. bengalensis</i> Kerr	Leopard Cat (Pulipoocha/Pulli Poocha)	Forested areas	Siberia, Korea, N.E. China, Oriental region.	Vulner- able++
61. <i>F. chaus</i> Guldenstaedt	Jungle Cat (Kattu Poocha/Pongan Poocha/Kongan)	Throughout Kerala	N. Africa, Middle East, India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam.	-

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62. <i>F. rubiginosa</i> Geoffroy	Rusty spotted Cat (Thurumban Poocha, Valli Poocha)	Alappuzha, Kottayam and Idukki districts	S. India, Sri Lanka.	Insuffi- ciently Known++
63. <i>F. viverrina</i> Bennett	Fishing Cat (Meen Poocha/ Meen- pidiyan Poocha)	Kannur and Idukki districts	India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Indonesia, Taiwan.	Vulner- able++
ORDER: PROBOSCIDEA				
FAMILY: ELEPHANTIDAE				
64. <i>Elephas maximus</i> Linnaeus <i>E. m. indicus</i> G. Cuvier	Asian Elephant (Aana)	Protected areas	India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Myanmar, S.China, S.E.Asia, Indonesia.	Vulner- able++
ORDER: ARTIODACTYLA				
FAMILY: SUIDAE				
65. <i>Sus scrofa</i> Linnaeus <i>S. s. cristatus</i> Wagner	Wild Boar (Kattu Panni)	Protected areas and its surroundings	S. & C. Europe, N.W. Africa through Asia to Siberia, South to Sri Lanka, S.E. Asia, Indonesia	-
FAMILY : TRAGULIDAE				
66. <i>Tragulus meminna</i> (Erxleben)	Mouse Deer/ Indian Chevrotain (Kooran maan/Kooran/ Kooran Panni)	Protected areas	India, Sri Lanka, Nepal	Vulner- able++
FAMILY : CERVIDAE				
67. <i>Axis axis</i> (Erxleben) <i>A. a. axis</i> (Erxleben)	Chital or Spotted Deer (Pullimaan)	Sanctuaries: Wynad, Parambikulam, Peechi, Vazhani, Chinnar	India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka.	-
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68. <i>Cervus unicolor</i> Kerr <i>C. u. niger</i> Blainville	Sambar (Kalamaana/Mlavu/ Malan)	Protected areas	India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, China, S.E. Asia to Philippines.	-
69. <i>Muntiacus muntjak</i> (Zimmermann) <i>M. m. malabaricus</i> Lydekker	Barking Deer/Muntjac (Kezhamaan)	Protected areas	India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, S. China, Taiwan, Japan, Indonesia	-
FAMILY : BOVIDAE				
70. <i>Tetracerus quadricornis</i> (Blainville)	Four Horned Antelope/ Chousingha. (Nalkomban Maan)	Wynad Wildlife Sanctuary	Peninsular India, Nepal.	Vulner- able+
71. <i>Bos gaurus</i> H. Smith <i>B. g. gaurus</i> H. Smith	Gaur/Indian Bison (Kattu pothu/ Katti /Malamboth.	Protected areas	India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, S.E. Asia	Vulner- able+
72. <i>Hemitragus hylocrius</i> (Ogilby)	Nilgiri Tahr (Varayadu)	Eravikulam & Silent valley NPs, Periyar TR, Parambikulam, Peechi-Vazhani, WLS,	South India (Western Ghats)	Vulner- able+
ORDER : PHOLIDOTA				
FAMILY : MANTIDAE				
73. <i>Manis crassicaudata</i> Gray	Indian Pangolin (Eenampechi/Alungu/ Urumbutheeni.	Throughout Kerala (in forested areas)	India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, S. China.	Vulner- able++
ORDER : LAGOMORPHA				
FAMILY : LEPORIDAE				
74. <i>Lepus nigricollis</i> F. Cuvier <i>L. n. nigricollis</i> F. Cuvier	Indian Hare/Blacknaped Hare Chevian/ Muya/ Komban.	Throughout Kerala	India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka	-

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ORDER : RODENTIA				
FAMILY : SCIURIDAE				
75. <i>Funambulus layardi</i> (Blyth)	Layard's Striped Squirrel/	Eravikulam National	South India, Sri	-
<i>F. l. dravidianus</i> (Robinson)	Travancore Striped Squirrel (Layards Varayannan)*	Park, Kerala part of Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve (Locality is not specified).	Sri Lanka	
76. <i>F. palmarum</i> (Linnaeus)	Three striped Palm Squirrel	Throughout Kerala	C. & S. India, Sri Lanka	-
<i>F. p. palmarum</i> (Linnaeus)	(Moovaryan Annan)			
77. <i>F. sublineatus</i> (Waterhouse)	Dusky Striped Squirrel	Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam and Wynad districts	South India, Sri Lanka	-
<i>F. s. sublineatus</i> (Waterhouse)	(Irunda Varayannan)			
78. <i>F. tristriatus</i> (Waterhouse)	Jungle Striped Squirrel	Eravikulam NP,	Peninsular India	-
<i>F. t. tristriatus</i> (Waterhouse)	(Kattu Varayannan)	Kollam, Ernakulam, Thiruvananthapuram and Kasaragod districts	(Western Ghats)	
<i>F. t. wroughtoni</i> Ryley				
79. <i>Petaurista petaurista</i> (Pallas)	Large Brown Flying Squirrel	Protected areas	India, Sri Lanka, China, Taiwan, Java.	-
<i>P. p. philippensis</i> (Elliot)	(Paraan/Parayannan/ Malambaran/ Parachathan/ Valia Paraan.			
80. <i>Petionomys fuscocapillus</i> (Jerdon)	Small Travancore Flying Squirrel.	Pathanamthitta, Kannur and Ernakulam district.	South India, Sri Lanka.	Endangered++
<i>P. f. fuscocapillus</i> (Jerdon)	(Paraan/Cheru Paraan /Konchan Paraan)			
81. <i>Ratufa indica</i> (Erxleben)	Indian Giant Squirrel	Forested areas	Central and South India.	-
<i>R. i. maxima</i> (Schreiber)	(Malayannan)			
<i>R. i. bengalensis</i> Blanford				

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82. <i>R. macroura</i> (Pennant) <i>R. m. dandolena</i> Thomas & Wroughton	Grizzled Giant Squirrel/ Grizzled Hill Squirrel/ Long-tailed Forest Squirrel (Chambal Malayannan/ Puliylayannan).	Chinnar WLS	South India, Sri Lanka.	Endangered++
FAMILY : MURIDAE				
83. <i>Platacanthomys lasiurus</i> Blyth	Malabar Spiny Dormouse (Mutteli, Mulleli)	Eravikulam Natioanl Park, Peppara WLS	South India (Western Ghats)	-
84. <i>Tatera indica</i> (Hardwicke) <i>T. i. cuvieri</i> Waterhouse	Indian Gerbille/ Antelope Rat (Vayeleli)	Throughout Kerala	India	-
85. <i>Bandicota bengalensis</i> (Gray) <i>B. b. kok</i> (Gray)	Indian Mole Rat/ Lesser Bandicoot Rat (Peruchazhi/ Thurappan/ Panni eli.)	Throughout Kerala	India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Indonesia.	-
86. <i>B. indica</i> (Bechstein) <i>B. i. indica</i> (Bechstein)	Bandicoot Rat/ Large Bandicoot Rat/ Pig Rat (Peruchazhi/Thurappan/ Panni eli.)	Throughout Kerala	India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, China, Vietnam, Indonesia.	-
87. <i>Rattus rattus</i> (Linnaeus) <i>R. r. wroughtoni</i>	Common House Rat (Eli/ Veeteli)	Throughout Kerala	India, Bangladesh, Nepal, S.E. Asia.	-
88. <i>R. blanfordi</i> (Thomas)	Blanford's Rat/ White-tailed Wood Rat.(Katteli)	Thiruvananthapuram and Ernakulam districts.	C. & S. India.	-
89. <i>R. ranjiniae</i> Agarwal & Ghosal	Ranjini's Field Rat (Ranjiniyude Eli)*	Thiruvananthapuram District	Kerala.	-

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90. <i>Vandeleuria oleracea</i> (Bennet) <i>V. o. nilgirica</i> (Jerdon)	Indian Long-tailed Tree Mouse (Marachundeli)	Idukki and Wynad districts?	India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, China, Myanmar, Thailand	-
91. <i>Mus musculus</i> Linnaeus <i>M. m. castaneus</i> Waterhouse	House Mouse (Chundeli)	Throughout Kerala	Worldwide.	-
92. <i>M. booduga</i> (Gray) <i>M. b. booduga</i> (Gray)	Common Indian Field Mouse/ Indian Pigmy Field Mouse/ Indian Wild Mouse (Kattu Chundeli)*.	Throughout Kerala	Indian Sub-continent.	-
93. <i>M. cookii</i> Ryley <i>M. cookii nagrum</i> (Thomas)	Ryley's Spiny Mouse. (Mullan Chundeli)*	Kannur District	India, Nepal, China, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos.	-
94. <i>M. cervicolor</i> Hodgson <i>M. c. palnica</i> (Thomas)	Fawn coloured Mouse (Thavidan Chundeli)*	Eravikulam NP	India, Nepal, Myanmar, S.E Asia.	-
95. <i>M. famulus</i> Bonhote	Bonhote's Mouse (Bonhote Chundeli)*	Eravikulam NP	South India	-
FAMILY : HYSTRICIDAE				
96. <i>Hystrix indica</i> Kerr <i>H. i. indica</i> Kerr	Indian Porcupine (Mullen Panni)	Throughout Kerala	Syria, Iraq, S. Arabia, Iran, Turkey, Tibet, Kazakhstan, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	-
ORDER: SIRENIDA				
FAMILY: DUGONGIDAE				
97. <i>Dugong dugong</i> (Muller)	Sea Cow/Dugong (Kadal pashu)	Marine waters of Kerala	Red Sea, Indian Ocean, South China Sea, North East coast of Australia.	Vulnerable++

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ORDER: CETACEA				
FAMILY: DELPHINIDAE				
98. <i>Delphinus delphis</i> Linnaeus	Common Dolphin (Kadal Panni/ Kadaledi)	Marine waters of Kerala	Temperate and tropical marine waters of the world	Insuffi- ciently Known+
99. <i>Pseudorca crassidens</i> (Owen)	False Killer Whale (Kolayali Thimungalam)	Marine waters of Kerala	Worldwide	Insuffi- ciently Known+
100. <i>Sousa chinensis</i> (Osbeck)	Plumbeous Dolphin/ Indo Pacific Hump- backed Dolphin. (Punnam Edi)	Marine waters of Kerala	S.W. pacific Ocean, Yangtze river, Indian Ocean, Malabar coast.	Insuffi- ciently Known+
101. <i>Stenella longirostris</i> (Gray)	Spinner Dolphin (Chankan Edi)	Marine waters of Kerala	Tropical to temperate marine waters of the world	Insuffi- ciently Known+
102. <i>Tursiops truncatus</i> (Montagu)	Bottlenosed Dolphin (Chankan Edi)	Marine waters of Kerala	Worldwide	Insuffi- ciently Known+
FAMILY: PHOCOENIDAE				
103. <i>Neophocaena phocaenoides</i> (G. Cuvier)	Little Indian Porpoise/ Black Finless Porpoise (Elia Edi)	Marine waters of Kerala	Persian Gulf to coasts of Pakistan, India, S.E. Asia	Insuffi- ciently Known+
FAMILY: PHYSETERIDAE				
104. <i>Physeter macrocephalus</i> Linnaeus	Sperm Whale/ Cachalotiently (Enna Thimungalam)	Marine waters of Kerala	Worldwide	Insuffi- ciently Known+
105. <i>Kogia simus</i> (Owen)	Dwarf Sperm Whale/ Owen's Pigmy Whale. (Kullian Thimungalam)*	Marine waters of Kerala	Worldwide	Insuffi- ciently Known+
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FAMILY: BALENOPTERIDAE				
106. <i>Balaenoptera musculus</i> (Linnaeus)	Blue Whale (Neela Thimmgalam)	Marine waters of Kerala	Worldwide	Endan- gered+
107. <i>B. edeni</i> Anderson	Bryde's Whale (Brydende Thimmgalam)*	Marine waters of Kerala	Worldwide	Insuffi- ciently Known+
108. <i>B. acutorostrata</i> Lacepede	Minke Whale/ Piked Whale (Cheru Thimmgalam)*	Marine waters of Kerala	Worldwide	Insuffi- ciently Known+
109. <i>Megaptera novaengliae</i> (Borowski)	Hump Back Whale (Koonan Thimmgalam)*	Marine waters of Kerala	Worldwide from Polar to tropical waters	Vulner- able+

Key : * : Newly coined Malayalam names :

Cheru = Small, Nacheli = Shrew, Mala = Mountain, Shwanamughan = Dog-faced, Pazha = Fruit, Vowval = Bat, Gala Sanchi = Pouch,
Kapada = False, Thavidan = Brown, Ilamooockan = Leaf-nosed, Irulan = Dusky, Kuthiraladam = Horse-shoe, Chinna = Little,
Elivalan = Rat-tailed, Adackavathil = Small Bat, Chinnan = Small, Chattithalayan = Flat-headed, Cheviyan = Eared,
Romachirakan = Hairy-winged, Varayannan = Striped squirrel, Kattu = Forest, Chundeli = Mouse, Mullan = Spiny,
Thavidan = Brown, Kulan = Dwarf, Thimmgalam = Whale, Koonan = Hump-backed.

+ : IUCN, 1994,

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Table 2

Systematic List of Bats and Rodents Recorded from Neighbouring Areas of Kerala

Scientific Name	Common English Name	Records From Neighbouring Areas of Kerala	Distribution of Species in India and Elsewhere	Status
ORDER : CHIROPTERA				
FAMILY : PTEROPODIDAE				
1. <i>Latidens salimalii</i> Thonglongya	Salim Ali's Fruit Bat	High Wavy Mountains (Tamil Nadu)	Tamil Nadu (India)	Rare+
FAMILY : RHINOPOMATIDAE				
2. <i>Rhinopoma hardwickei</i> Gray	Lesser Mouse-tailed Bat	Travancore (Locality not specified)	Africa, Arabia to India, Myanmar	-
FAMILY : RHINOLOPHIDAE				
3. <i>Rhinolophus pusillus</i> Temminck	Least Horseshoe Bat	Malabar coast (Locality not specified)	India, S.E. Asia	-
ORDER : RODENTIA				
FAMILY : MURIDAE				
4. <i>Golunda ellioti</i> Gray	Indian Bush Rat	Coorg (Karnataka),	Indian Sub-continent, Iran	-
5. <i>Millardia meltada</i> (Gray)	Soft-furred Field Rat/ Metad	Kutta (Coorg)	Indian Sub-continent	-
6. <i>M. platythrix</i> Bennett	Brown Spiny Mouse (Thavittu Mullan Chundeli)*	Coorg (Karnataka), Cumbum (Tamil Nadu).	India, Myanmar.	-

Status Key :

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SUMMARY

There are 408 species of Mammals known till date from India. An updated systematic list of mammals known so far from the State of Kerala incorporating information on 109 species, including 96 species of terrestrial and 13 species of aquatic mammals, is presented. The list also provides the vernacular name, common English name and scientific name of each species besides data on their distribution as well as conservation status.

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भारत से अब तक ज्ञात स्तनधारियों की 408 जातियाँ हैं। स्थलचर की 96 जातियों और जलचर स्तनधारियों की 13 जातियों सहित 109 जातियों पर सूचना को समाविष्ट करके केरल राज्य से अब तक ज्ञात स्तनधारियों की एक अद्यतन सुव्यवस्थित सूची प्रस्तुत की गई है। सूची में प्रत्येक जातियों का, उनके प्राप्तिस्थान साथ ही साथ संरक्षण स्तर पर आंकड़ों के अलावा, देशी नाम, सामान्य अंग्रेजी नाम और वैज्ञानिक नाम भी उपलब्ध कराए गए हैं।

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