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# RISNJAK NP FAUNA



# FAUNA IN RISNJAK NP

Risnjak NP is home to 3 large European predators:

wolves



lynx



bears

# LYNX

- 🐾 lynx = cro. 'ris' → Risnjak
- 🐾 an **endangered** species in Croatia  
(only 40-60 in Croatia)
- 🐾 probably the rarest and most hidden beast living in Europe

Lat. *Lynx lynx*

Cro. ris

Eng. Lynx



# WOLF

🐾 a threatened species (160 -210 in CRO)

🐾 project LIFE: 2 packs are being traced



🐾 sharp hearing,  
but poor smell

Lat. *Canis lupus*

Cro. vuk

Eng. Wolf



# BROWN BEAR

- 🐾 primarily a nocturnal animal
- 🐾 can weigh up to 300 kg
- 🐾 it's allowed to hunt bears in Croatia

Lat. *Ursus arctos*

Cro. mrki medvjed

Eng. Brown bear



# CHAMOIS



- 🐾 adapted to steep rocky terrain
- 🐾 known to live at moderately high altitudes
- 🐾 re-introduction into nature

Lat. *Rupicapra rupicapra balcanica*

Cro. divokoza

Eng. Chamois

# WILD CAT

- 🐾 a protected species
- 🐾 can weigh up to 15 kg
- 🐾 bigger tail than a domestic cat
- 🐾 many threats to survival



Lat. *Felis silvestris*

Cro. divlja mačka

Eng. Wild cat



# BROWN TROUT

- 🐾 lives in cold rivers and streams that are rich in oxygen
- 🐾 in the NP you can enjoy 'catch and release' fishing on the Kupa river



**Lat. *Salmo trutta***

**Cro. pastrva**

**Eng. Brown trout**



# NOSE-HORNED VIPER

- 🐾 the most dangerous and venomous European snake
- 🐾 afraid of water
- 🐾 horn on its nose & zig-zag pattern

Lat. *Vipera ammodytes*

Cro. poskok

Eng. Nose-horned viper



# BIRDS

🐾 114 bird species

🐾 26 threatened species



# CAPERCAILLIE

- 🐾 an **endangered** species in Croatia
- 🐾 feeds on blueberries, insects and leaves

Lat. *Tetrao urogallus*  
Cro. tetrijeb  
Eng. Western capercaillie





# PEREGRINE FALCON

- 🐾 a **vulnerable** species in Croatia  
(160-200 pairs)
- 🐾 the fastest animal – can reach over  
300 km/h during its hunting stoop



Lat. *Falco peregrinus*

Cro. sivi sokol

Eng. Peregrine falcon

# PYGMY OWL

- 🐾 a **vulnerable** species in Croatia
- 🐾 the smallest owl in Europe
  - 🐾 length: 17-19 cm
  - 🐾 weight: up to 80 g

Lat. *Glaucidium passerinum*

Cro. mali ćuk

Eng. Pygmy Owl



# BUTTERFLIES

🐾 89 species of butterflies  
(11 endangered)

🐾 **Valley of butterflies:**  
in the valley of the Kupa river





THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR  
ATTENTION !