

FAUNAL DIVERSITY

The State harbors a large faunal diversity. The fauna of Himachal Pradesh is very diverse and unique. Out of 89,451 species of animals in India, the State harbors 5,721 species of the Indian fauna which shows richness of biological resources of the State considering its small geographical area, which is only 1.7% of the country.

Fauna of Himachal Pradesh

Faunal Group	Number of species
Protozoa	34
Porifera	3
Cnidaria	2
Platihelminthes	90
Rotifera	16
Nematoda	132
Acanthocephala	2
Mollusca	73
Annelida	60
Crustacea	73
Myriapoda	11
Arachnida	195
Insecta	4362
Bryozoa	2
Pisces	81
Amphibia	17
Reptilia	44
Aves	447
Mammalia	77
Total	5721

Source: Jairajpuri (1991) – Himachal Pradesh Forest Sector Review, 2000