

Plants and animals under protection in Poland

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Pulsatilla pratensis



Pulsatilla pratensis is a species of the genus *Pulsatilla*, native to central and eastern Europe. Flower colour varies from purple in the north of the species' range to greenish-violet in the south.

Mustela nivalis



The **least weasel** is the smallest member of the genus *Mustela*. It is native to Eurasia, North America and North Africa. The least weasel has a thin, greatly elongated and extremely flexible body with a small, yet elongated, head which is no thicker than the neck.

Nuphar lutea



Nuphar lutea is an aquatic plant of the family Nymphaeaceae, native to temperate regions of Europe, northwest Africa, and western Asia. The flower is solitary, terminal, held above the water surface; it is hermaphrodite, 2–4 cm diameter, with five or six large bright yellow sepals and numerous small yellow petals largely concealed by the sepals.

Lynx lynx



The **Eurasian lynx** is a medium-sized wild cat native to Siberia, Central, Eastern, and Southern Asia, Northern, Central and Eastern Europe. During the summer, the Eurasian lynx has a relatively short, reddish or brown coat. In winter, however, this is replaced by a much thicker coat of silky fur that varies from silver-grey to greyish brown.

Daphne mezereum



February daphne is native to most of Europe and Western Asia, north to northern Scandinavia and Russia. It is a deciduous shrub growing to 1.5 m tall. They have a four-lobed pink or light purple (rarely white) flowers, and are strongly scented. The fruit is a bright red berry and it is very poisonous for humans

Ciconia nigra



The **black stork** is a large bird in the stork family *Ciconiidae*. The adult black stork has mainly black plumage, with white underparts, long red legs and a long pointed red beak.

Lilium martagon



Lilium martagon is a Eurasian species of lily. It has a widespread native region extending from Portugal east through Europe and Asia as far east as Mongolia. The flowers are scented. Numerous flowers are born on each plant, and up to 50 can be found on vigorous plants.

Circus pygargus



The **Montagu's harrier** is a migratory bird of prey of the harrier family. Adult males are characterized by their overall pale grey plumage contrasting with black wingtips. Adult females have a broadly similar plumage to that of pallid and hen harriers. The underparts are mostly pale yellow-brown, the belly with longitudinal stripes and the wing coverts spotted.

Aquilegia vulgaris



Common columbine is a species of columbine native to Europe. It is a flowering herbaceous perennial plant growing to 1.2 m tall, with branched, thinly hairy stems. The leaves are biternate; each leaf has three groups of three leaflets. The flowers, in various shades of purple, blue, pink and white, are pendent or horizontal with hooked spurs, and appear in early summer.

Motacilla cinerea



The **grey wagtails** looks somewhat similar to the yellow wagtail but has the yellow on its underside restricted to the throat and vent. Breeding males have a black throat. The species is widely distributed, with several populations breeding in Europe and Asia and migrating to tropical regions in Asia and Africa.



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