

# Prohibited Species

## Inherently Dangerous

May not enter KY unless transporting through KY < 48 hours and kept in cage entire time with transportation permit

Exemptions may be considered for AZA accredited zoos, circuses, or universities conducting research or education as part of a classroom requirement

- Alligators or caimans (Family Alligatoridae);
- African buffalo (*Syncerus caffer*);
- Bears (Family Ursidae);
- Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*);
- Clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*);
- Crocodiles (Family Crocodylidae);
- Elephants (Family Elephantidae);
- Gavials (Family Gavialidae);
- Gila monsters or beaded lizards (Family Helodermatidae);
- Hippopotamus (*Hippopotamus amphibius*);
- Honey badger or ratel (*Mellivora capensis*);
- Hyenas (Family Hyaenidae), all species except aardwolves (*Proteles cristatus*);
- Lions, jaguars, leopards or tigers (Genus *Panthera*);
- Old world badger (*Meles meles*);
- Monkeys (Primates, nonhuman of Order Primates); including Lemurs
- Rhinoceroses (Family Rhinocerotidae);
- Snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*);
- Venomous exotic snakes of the families Viperidae, Atractaspididae, Elapidae, and Colubridae, except for hognose snakes (Genus *Heterodon*);
- Wolverine (*Gulo gulo*); or
- Hybrids of all species contained in this list.

## Environmentally Injurious

Shall Not Enter KY, shall Not Drive Through KY

- Baya weaver (*Ploceus philippinus*);
- Blackbirds (Genus *Agelaius*), except native species;
- Cape sparrow (*Passer melanurus*);
- Cowbirds (Genus *Molothrus*), except native species;
- Cuckoo (Family Cuculidae), except native species;
- Dioch or red-billed quelea (*Quelea quelea*);
- European blackbird (*Turdus merula*);
- Fieldfare (*Turdus pilaris*) (European bird from thrush family)
- Flying fox or fruit bat (Genus *Pteropus*);
- Fox (genus *Vulpes* and *Alopex lagopus*)
- Gambian giant pouched rat (*Cricetomys gambianus*);
- Giant, marine, or cane toad (*Bufo marinus*);
- Hawaiian rice bird or spotted munia (*Lonchura punctulata*);
- Jack rabbit (Genus *Lepus*);

- Java sparrow (*Padda oryzivora*);
- Madagascar weaver (*Foudia madagascariensis*);
- Mistle thrush (*Turdus viscivorus*);
- Monk or Quaker parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*);
- Multimammate rat (Genus *Mastomys*);
- Mute swan (*Cygnus olor*);
- Nutria (*Myocastor coypus*);
- Prairie dog (*Cynomys* spp.);
- Raccoon dog (*Nyctereutes procyonoides*);
- San Juan rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*);
- Sky lark (*Alauda arvensis*);
- Song thrush (*Turdus philomelus*);
- Starling (Family *Sturnidae*) including pink starlings or rosy pastors (*Sturnus roseus*), except for Indian Hill mynahs (*Gracula religiosa*);
- Suricate or slender-tailed meerkat (Genus *Suricata*);
- Tongueless or African clawed frog (*Xenopus laevis*);
- Weaver finch (Genus *Passer*), except *Passer domesticus*;
- White eyes (Genus *Zosterops*);
- Wild European rabbit (also called the San Juan Rabbit) not distinguishable morphologically from native wild rabbits;
- Yellowhammer (*Emberiza citrinella*); or
- A member of the following families:
  - Suidae (pigs or hogs), except for domestic swine;
  - Viverridae (civits, genets, lingsangs, mongooses and fossas); or
  - Tayassuidae (peccaries and javelinas)

### **Native Prohibited Species**

#### **Shall not enter KY, shall not drive through KY**

- Coyotes
- Foxes
- Raccoons
- Skunks
- Alligator snapping turtle
- Black bear
- Copperbelly water snake
- Cougar or mountain lion
- Wild turkey
- Wolf

### **Federally Endangered Species**

Species that are listed on the USFWS Endangered Species Act list as endangered are prohibited from importation or transportation through KY without a USFWS permit for educational, propagation for preservation, or scientific collection purposes.

**USFWS Endangered Species Search Tool** <https://www.fws.gov/endangered/>

### **Permit Exempt Species**

The following shall not require any permits from the Department for importation, transportation, or possession:

- Alpaca (*Lama pacos*);
- American bison (*Bison bison*);
- Breeds and varieties of goats derived from the wild goat or bezoar (*Capra hircus*);
- Camels (*Camelus bactrianus* and *Camelus dromedarius*);
- Chinchillas (*Chinchilla laniger*);
- Cockatoos (family *Cacatuidae*);
- Domesticated races of ducks and geese (family *Anatidae*) distinguishable morphologically from wild ducks or geese;
- Domesticated races of European rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) distinguishable from wild rabbits;
- Domesticated races of mink (*Mustela vison*) if;
  - Adults are heavier than 1.15 kilograms; or
  - The fur color can be distinguished from wild mink;
- Domesticated races of rats (*Rattus norvegicus* or *Rattus rattus*) or mice (*Mus musculus*);
- Domesticated races of turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo*) recognized by the American Poultry Association and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, but shall not include captive held or bred wild turkeys;
- Domestic yak (*Bos grunniens*);
- Gerbils (*Meriones unguiculatus*);
- Guinea fowl (*Mumida megeagris*);
- Guinea pigs (*Cavia porcellus*);
- Hamsters (*Mesocricetus* spp.);
- Indian Hill mynahs (*Graclua religiosa*);
- Llama (*Lama glama*);
- Parrots, lovebirds, cockatiels, budgerigar, parakeets (except monk parakeet (*M. monachus*), macaws (family *Psittacidae*);
- Peafowl (*Pavo cristatus*);
- Pigeons (*Columba domestica* or *Columba livia*) or domesticated races of pigeons;
- Ratite, as defined by KRS 247.870; and
- Toucans (family *Rhamphastidae*).