



## Conservation status of indigenous land species, 2010–16

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| Description | <p>New Zealand has unique indigenous plants and animals that are our national taonga (treasures). Because most are endemic (found nowhere else in the world) New Zealand makes an important contribution to global biodiversity. Biodiversity is important for ecosystem processes, te ao Māori including mahinga kai (customary food gathering), and culture and recreation. The conservation status of our biodiversity represents their risk of extinction. This data covers the conservation status, and most-recent change in status, of native and resident taxa for which we had sufficient information on abundance and distribution. This includes bats, birds, earthworms, lichens, plants, reptiles and frogs, snails, spiders, and insects. We also include the number of species that have had a genuine change in conservation status between assessment periods. Where conservation status changed, this measure also looked at the NZTCS listings done in 2012 for birds (Robertson et al, 2017); 2012 for reptiles (Hitchmough et al, 2015); and 2010 for Orthoptera (Trewick et al, 2012). A change in a species' conservation status reflects a change in its risk of extinction. For more information on the Department of Conservation's Threat Classification System (NZTCS) please refer to: <a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/nztcs">http://www.doc.govt.nz/nztcs</a></p> |
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