

## Checklist of Vertebrate Damage to Agriculture in Israel, Updated for 1993–2001

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The checklist of vertebrate pest species responsible for economic damage to agriculture production in Israel, which was first published in 1993, has been updated for 1993–2001. During this period new crop types have been damaged by these pests, and they have been added to the checklist. Four new bird pest species were also added: *Carduelis chloris*, *Anas platyrhynchos*, *Larus ridibundus* and *Pelecanus onocrotalus*. Thus the number of economically significant vertebrate species is now 65 (27 mammalian, 36 avian and two reptilian species). Cases of depredation in forestry and pasture, which were not included in the former list, were also added. The significance of the compiled data in assisting with farm management decision is also discussed.

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