

Animals and Plants

Explanation

Local flora and fauna are mentioned expressly in several places in the New Testament. Reading down these lists of animals and plants reminds modern readers of the agrarian and rural setting of the villages and hillsides in which much of the New Testament takes place. Most of the people who heard, wrote, or read the stories of Jesus would have had firsthand awareness of these ordinary features of daily New Testament life.

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Animals

Fox	Mt 8:20; Lk 9:58
Wolf	Mt 7:15; Jn 10:12
Bear	Rev 13:2
Leopard	Rev 13:2
Lion	2Tm 4:17; 1Pt 5:8; Rev 4:7
Bull (<i>bous</i>)	Jn 2:14
Ox (<i>bous</i>)	Lk 13:15; 1Cor 9:9; 1Tm 5:18
Bull (<i>tauros</i>)	Mt 22:4; Acts 14:13; Heb 9:13
Calf (<i>moschos</i>)	Lk 15:23; Heb 9:12, 19; Rev 4:7
Heifer (<i>damalis</i>)	Heb 9:13
Kid (<i>eriphos</i>)	Mt 25:32–33
Goat (<i>tragos</i>)	Heb 9:12
Sheep (<i>probaton</i>)	Mt 7:15; 9:36; 10:6; Jn 10:2; 21:16
Lamb (<i>aren</i>)	Lk 10:3
Ram (<i>arnion</i>)	Jn 21:15; Rev 13:11
Horse	Jms 3:3; Rev 6:2
Camel	Mt 3:4; 19:24; 23:24
Donkey (<i>onos</i>)	Mt 21:2; Lk 13:15; Jn 12:15
Colt (<i>polos</i>)	Mt 21:2; Jn 12:14–15
Dog	Lk 16:21
Pig	Mt 7:6; 8:30
Sow	2Pt 2:22
Animal (<i>zoon</i>)	Heb 13:11
Beast (<i>therion</i>)	Acts 28:4
Livestock (<i>thremma</i>)	Jn 4:12
Beast of burden (<i>ktenos</i>)	Lk 10:34
Pack animal (<i>hypozygion</i>)	Mt 21:5
Reptile or Snake (<i>herpeton</i>)	Acts 10:12
Snake (<i>ophis</i>)	Lk 10:19
Poisonous Snake, Asp, Cobra	Rom 3:13
Dragon	Rev 12:3
Frog	Rev 16:13
Scorpion	Rev 9:5
Worm	Mk 9:48
Bird	Mt 6:26; Mk 4:4; 1Cor 15:39
Rooster	Mt 26:34; Jn 13:38
Hen	Mt 23:37; Lk 13:34

Young Bird	Mt 23:37; Lk 13:34
Dove or Pigeon	Mt 10:16; Lk 2:24
Sparrow	Mt 10:29
Eagle or Vulture	Mt 24:28; Rev 12:14
Crow or Raven	Lk 12:24
Locusts or Grasshoppers	Mk 1:6
Gnat or Mosquito	Mt 23:24
Moth	Mt 6:19
Bee	Lk 24:42
Sea Creature (<i>enalion</i>)	Jms 3:7
Fish (<i>ichthus</i>)	Mt 7:10; 14:17; 17:27; Lk 5:6
Small Fish (<i>ichthudion</i>)	Mk 8:7
Sea Monster (<i>ketos</i>)	Mt 12:40

Plants

Lilies of the Field	Mt 6:28
Thorn thistle	Mt 7:16
Reed	Mt 11:7
Tare	Mt 13:25
Mustard	Mt 13:31
Olive Tree	Mt 21:1
Mint	Mt 23:23
Dill, Anise	Mt 23:23
Cummin	Mt 23:23
Fig tree	Mt 24:32
Rue	Lk 11:42
Mulberry tree	Lk 17:6
Sycamore-fig tree	Lk 19:4
Bush	Lk 20:37
Palm tree	Jn 12:13
Wheat	Jn 12:24
Grapevine	Jn 15:1
Hyssop	Jn 19:29
Wormwood	Rev 8:11