

Floreana species cards

Floreana mockingbird

Endangered



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Is extinct on Floreana but present on the islets of Champion and Gardner (by Floreana) Likes to nest and feed on insects on *opuntia* cactus. Diet consists mainly of insects but will also feed on nectar, fruit, pollen, centipedes, crabs and even lizards!

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Galapagos petrel

Critically endangered



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Spend most of their time at sea feeding on squid, fish and crustaceans. Returns to the same nesting site and mate each year. Have evolved to nest on the ground, usually a burrow or natural cavity on a slope. Produces 2-4 eggs once a year. The biggest breeding colony exists on Floreana.

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Galapagos racer snake

Near threatened



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Is extinct on Floreana but present on the islets of Champion and Gardner (by Floreana) Lays soft eggs in the ground and is diurnal: being most active at dawn and dusk. Diet consists of lava lizards, geckos, insects, iguanas, mice, rats and hatchlings of several bird species.

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Medium tree finch

Critically endangered



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Is endemic to Floreana, and only found in a small range, where it nests in the *Scalesia* forest. The female incubates the eggs alone. Feeds on insects, nectar, young buds and leaves.

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Lava lizard
Least concern



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There are 7 species of lava lizard found across the Archipelago. Floreana has its own endemic species. They are found mostly in lowland and the shoreline, where they intermingle with marine iguanas. Produce 4-6 eggs in a burrow deep in the soil. Are omnivores, eating mostly insects, spiders and beetles, but will also eat seeds and leaves.

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Short-eared owl
Least concern



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Widespread throughout Galapagos. Found in open areas of grassland or lava rock, and hunt by flying low over these areas, feeding on rats, lava lizards, and birds. They have adapted to hunt in the daytime and can hunt birds bigger than themselves. Diet consists mostly of seabird chicks, petrels, small mammals and insects.

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