**Which Animals Does the Bible Designate as 'Clean' and 'Unclean'?**

The following list, based on Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14, identifies many of the animals God designates as clean and unclean. The list uses their common names.

CLEAN ANIMALS

**Animals That Chew the Cud and Part the Hoof**

Antelope

Bison (buffalo)

Caribou

Cattle (beef, veal)

Deer (venison)  
Elk

Gazelle

Giraffe

Goat

Hart

Ibex

Moose

Ox

Reindeer

Sheep (lamb, mutton)

**Fish With Fins and Scales**

Anchovy

Barracuda

Bass

Black pomfret (or monchong)

Bluefish

Bluegill

Carp

Cod

Crappie

Drum

Flounder

Grouper

Grunt

Haddock

Hake

Halibut

Hardhead

Herring (or alewife) Kingfish

Mackerel

Mahimahi (or dorado, dolphinfish[not to be confused with the mammal dolphin])

Minnow

Mullet

Perch (or bream)

Pike (or pickerel or jack)

Pollack (or pollock or Boston bluefish) Rockfish

Salmon

Sardine (or pilchard) Shad

Silver hake (or whiting)

Smelt (or frost fish or ice fish)

Snapper (or ebu, jobfish, lehi, onaga, opakapaka or uku)

Sole

Steelhead

Sucker

Sunfish

Tarpon

Trout (or weakfish) Tuna (or ahi, aku, albacore, bonito or tombo)

Whitefish

**Birds With Clean Characteristics**

Chicken

Dove

Duck

Goose

Grouse

Guinea fowl

Partridge

Peafowl

Pheasant

Pigeon

Prairie chicken Ptarmigan

Quail

Sagehen

Sparrow (and other songbirds)

Swan\*

Teal

Turkey

**Insects**

Types of locusts that may include crickets and grasshoppers

•In the King James Version, Leviticus 11:18 and Deuteronomy 14:16 list "swan" among unclean birds. However, this seems to be a mistranslation. The original word apparently refers to a kind of owl and is so translated in most modern Bible versions.

UNCLEAN ANIMALS

**Animals That Do Not Chew the Cud and/or Part the Hoof**

**Swine**

Boar

Peccary

Pig (hog, bacon, ham, lard, pork, most sausage and pepperoni)

**Canines**

Coyote

Dog

Fox

Hyena

Jackal

Wolf

**Felines**

Cat

Cheetah

Leopard

Lion

Panther

Tiger

**Equines**

Ass

Donkey

Horse

Mule

Onager

Zebra (quagga)

**Other**

Armadillo

Badger

Bear

Beaver

Camel

Elephant

Gorilla

Groundhog

Hare

Hippopotamus Kangaroo

Llama (alpaca, vicuña)

Mole

Monkey

Mouse

Muskrat

Opossum

Porcupine

Rabbit

Raccoon

Rat

Rhinoceros

Skunk

Slug

Snail (escargot) Squirrel

Wallaby

Weasel

Wolverine

Worm

*All insects except some in the locust family*

**MARINE ANIMALS WITHOUT FINS AND SCALES**

**Fish**

Bullhead

Catfish

Eel

European Turbot

Marlin

Paddlefish

Sculpin

Shark

Stickleback

Squid

Sturgeon (includes most caviar)

Swordfish

**Shellfish**

Abalone

Clam

Crab

Crayfish

Lobster

Mussel

Prawn

Oyster

Scallop

Shrimp

**Invertebrates**

Cuttlefish

Jellyfish

Limpet

Octopus

Squid (calamari)

**Sea mammals**

Dolphin

Otter

Porpoise

Seal

Walrus

Whale

**BIRDS OF PREY, SCAVENGERS AND**

**OTHERS**

**Birds**

Albatross

Bat

Bittern

Buzzard

Condor

Coot

Cormorant

Crane

Crow

Cuckoo

Eagle

Flamingo

Grebe

Grosbeak

Gull

Hawk

Heron

Kite

Lapwing

Loon

Magpie

Osprey

Ostrich

Owl

Parrot

Pelican

Penguin

Plover

Rail

Raven

Roadrunner

Sandpiper

Seagull

Stork

Swallow

Swift

Vulture

Water hen

Woodpecker

**Reptiles**

Alligator

Caiman

Crocodile

Lizard

Snake

Turtle

**Amphibians**

Blindworm

Frog

Newt

Salamander

Toad

NO ROADKILL