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1 Nilgiri Tahr (Source: The Indian Express)

Nilgiri Tahr is also known as the Nilgiri Ibex, and it is the state animal of Tamil Nadu.

Habitat

- It is found in the open montane grassland habitat of the rainforest ecoregion.
- It is endemic to the Nilgiri Hills and the southern portion of the Western Ghats in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.
- Key Habitat is Eravikulam National Park (Kerala)



Protection Status

- **IUCN Status:** Endangered
- **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972:** Schedule 1

Threats

- Habitat loss (mainly from domestic livestock and spread of invasive plants)
- Poaching,
- Populations of these animals are small and isolated, making them vulnerable to local extinction,
- Climate Change

2 Bills in Parliament (Source: The Indian Express)

