

Table 11. Endemism in language and species: comparison of the top 25 countries, 1992 and 2000-2002 data. Countries appearing on both lists are in bold. 1992 figures for Ethiopia include Eritrea. Higher vertebrates include mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians; reptiles not included for USA, China, and Papua New Guinea because the number of endemic reptile species is not reported in the source table. 2000-2002 species data include only bird and mammal species only, hence the lower numbers in comparison with the 1992 data. Source: 1992 figures from Harmon (1996: 97); using figures derived from Grimes 1992b (languages) and Groombridge (1992: 139-141) (species). 2000-2002 figures from Grimes 2000 (languages) and Groombridge and Jenkins 2002 (species).

| <i>1992 data</i> | | <i>2000-2002 data</i> | |
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| Endemic Languages (number) | Endemic Higher Vertebrate Species (number) | Endemic Languages (number) | Endemic Bird and Mammal Species (number) |
| 1. Papua New Guinea (847) | Australia (1,346) | Papua New Guinea (820) | Indonesia (630) |
| 2. Indonesia (655) | Mexico (761) | Indonesia (691) | Australia (556) |
| 3. Nigeria (376) | Brazil (725) | Nigeria (454) | Brazil (304) |
| 4. India (309) | Indonesia (673) | India (289) | Philippines (288) |
| 5. Australia (261) | Madagascar (537) | Mexico (275) | Mexico (232) |
| 6. Mexico (230) | Philippines (437) | Australia (264) | Madagascar (198) |
| 7. Cameroon (201) | India (373) | Cameroon (201) | USA (172) |
| 8. Brazil (185) | Peru (332) | USA (187) | Peru (161) |
| 9. Zaire (158) | Colombia (330) | Brazil (178) | Papua New Guinea (159) |
| 10. Philippines (153) | Ecuador (294) | Congo, Dem Rep (Zaire) (160) | China (153) |
| 11. USA (143) | USA (284) | Philippines (155) | India (102) |
| 12. Vanuatu (105) | China (256) | China (121) | Colombia (101) |
| 13. Tanzania (101) | Papua New Guinea (203) | Vanuatu (107) | New Zealand (76) |
| 14. Sudan (97) | Venezuela (186) | Tanzania (102) | Argentina (68) |
| 15. Malaysia (92) | Argentina (168) | Sudan (98) | Solomon Islands (64) |
| 16. Ethiopia (90) | Cuba (152) | Malaysia (94) | Japan (63) |
| 17. China (77) | South Africa (146) | Chad (88) | Ecuador (62) |
| 18. Peru (75) | Zaire (134) | Nepal (87) | Venezuela; Ethiopia (59) |
| 19. Chad (74) | Sri Lanka (126) | Peru (82) | |
| 20. Russia (71) | New Zealand (120) | Solomon Islands (72) | Malaysia (54) |
| 21. Solomon Islands (69) | Tanzania (113) | Russia (62) | Congo, Dem Rep (Zaire) (52) |
| 22. Nepal (68) | Japan (112) | Ethiopia (59) | South Africa (43) |
| 23. Colombia (55) | Cameroon (105) | Cote d'Ivoire (58) | Tanzania ; Sri Lanka (39) |
| 24. Côte d'Ivoire (51) | Solomon Islands (101) | Colombia (54) | |
| 25. Canada (47) | Ethiopia (88) | Canada (53) | |
| | Somalia (88) | | Russia (35) |