## Topic Info

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| **info\_id** | sp\_rarity |
| **question** | How rare or common is the Target Species?  describe rarity + Determine "cut-off" values or provide comparable species for users to base selection  Note about relating to site as well as species characteristics  **\*\* [NEED]\*\*:**  - caveats, how to determine rarity  - Percentages for laymans terms |

## Note banner

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**\*\*{{ name\_sp\_rarity}}\*\*:**  **{{ def\_sp\_rarity }}**

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**- \*\*{{ name\_sp\_rarity\_common }}\*\*:**  **{{ def\_sp\_rarity\_common }}**

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**- \*\*{{ name\_sp\_rarity\_rare }}\*\*:**  **{{ def\_sp\_rarity\_rare }}**

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## Overview

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## In-depth

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## Figures

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## Analytical tools & resources

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| R package | **Package ‘Rarity’:** Calculation of Rarity Indices for Species and Assemblages of Species | Allows calculation of rarity weights for species and indices of rarity for assemblages of species according to different methods (Leroy et al. 2012, Insect. Conserv. Divers. 5:159-168 <[doi:10.1111/j.1752-4598.2011.00148.x](https://doi.org/10.1111%2Fj.1752-4598.2011.00148.x)>; Leroy et al. 2013, Divers. Distrib. 19:794-803 <[doi:10.1111/ddi.12040](https://doi.org/10.1111%2Fddi.12040)>). | <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/Rarity/> | leroy\_2023 |
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## References / Glossary

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## Notes

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* MacKenzie, Darryl I., James. D. Nichols, Nicole Sutton, Kae Kawanishi, and Larissa L. Bailey. "IMPROVING INFERENCES IN POPULATION STUDIES OF RARE SPECIES THAT ARE DETECTED IMPERFECTLY." *Ecology* 86, no. 5 (May 2005): 1101–13. <https://doi.org/10.1890/04-1060>.
* "low to moderate occupancy (ψ < 0.9)" ([Fuller et al., 2022, p. 14](about:blank)) ([pdf](about:blank))
* "Rarity is a species characteristic, but not in the same sense that hair colour or wing venation or other morphological traits are;it is an emergent trait of a species' population and its environment rather than a trait of an individual organism." (["The Biology of Rarity", 1997, p. 3](zotero://select/library/items/GA55PMBU)) ([pdf](zotero://open-pdf/library/items/XPPSEZIT?page=16))
* The difficulties with estimating occupancy for very rare species are compounded by the fact that there is often a positive correlation between occupancy and detectability (e.g. Shannon et al. 2014), meaning that many rare species also have low detection probabilities. When this is the case, for example if detection probability is < 0.05, it may be very difficult to obtain any occupancy estimate at all (O’Brien 2010; Shannon et al. 2014), or it may erroneously be estimated as 1 (a "boundary effect"; Guillera-Arroita et al. 2010). When this is the case, another option is to employ hierarchical multi-species occupancy models, in which occupancy and detection probability parameters for rare species are estimated by "borrowing strength" from information on more common species (e.g. Tobler et al. 2015; Wearn et al. 2017).
* For species which are especially elusive and difficult to detect (with detection probabilities < 0.05), 80-100 days of sampling may be required (Shannon et al. 2014).
* ψ (occupancy): the expected probability that a given camera site is occupied, for a given species (Kays et al., 2020)
* The three-dimensional rarity typology proposed by Rabinowitz in 1981, based on geographic range, habitat specificity, and local abundance, is among the most widely used frameworks for describing rarity in ecological and conservation research.

<https://www.researchgate.net/publication/236965289_Species_rarity_definition_causes_and_classification#:~:text=Rarity%20is%20a%20relative%20concept,of%20other%20organisms%20of%20comparable>

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**- \*\*Less common\*\***: 0.25-0.75

- \*\*Rare\*\*: probability of occupancy < 0.25 {{ rtxt\_kays\_et\_al\_2020 }}

**- \*\*Very-rare\*\*:** probability of occupancy < 0.001 ({{ rtxt\_wearn\_gloverkapfer\_2017 }}; {{ rtxt\_rowcliffe\_et\_al\_2008 }}; {{ rtxt\_obrien\_2010 }})

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