Legendary Pokemon:

* Are a group of Pokémon considered to be very rare and are often quite powerful. They cannot hatch from Eggs and are mostly restricted from spawning in the wild, with the most common method to capture being by defeating them in Raid Battle and then catching them in Bonus Challenge, although there are other ways. There are total of 69 Legendary Pokémon and 46 of them have been made available through Raid Battles system currently.

Methods of Obtaining:

* Most common is defeating them in a raid battle and then catching them in the Bonus Challenge. Pokémon available via raids changes fairly frequently.
* During certain events Timed Research or as part of a Special Research, a Legendary Pokémon may be the reward for research tasks.
* Reaching Rank 20 of the GO Battle League adds the present Legendary Pokémon in raids to the pool of possible Pokémon rewards.
* Defeating Giovanni will be rewarded with catching his Shadow Legendary Pokémon at a 100% catch rate.
* Although extremely rare, a select few Legendary Pokémon can appear in the wild (typically only during events, such as during the Pokémon GO Tour: Johto). This is certainly the most risky way of trying to catch a Legendary, as they have the same catch rate as in raids and they can run away after each failed catch (rewards can never run and raids have a set number of chances).
* Only Legeendary pokemon regularly available in the wild are thee Lake Guardian trio

Characteristics:

* most do not evolve from or into any other Pokémon
* low catch rate, usually 2%
* Buddy Pokémon 20 km for 1 candy
* require 100,000 Stardust and 100 candies to unlock the second Charged Attack
* require 20,000 Stardust and 20 candies to purify
* Can be filtered in Pokémon search by typing legendary
* an extra warning appears when trainers try to transfer them and cannot be mass transferred (unless "Expanded Group Transfer" is enabled in settings)
* require a Special Trade, costing a larger amount of Stardust even if already registered by both trainers
* cannot be assigned to defend a Gym
* cannot participate in the Premier Cup in GO Battle League

Availability:

* The Lake Guardians are region-exclusive Pokémon regardless of wild or raid. Uxie is in the Asia-Pacific region. Mesprit is in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and India. Azelf is in the Americas and Greenland.

Popular Pokemons:

Mewtwo (Kanto Region)

Pokedex Number - #0150

Weight: 122kg

Height: 2m

* a Psychic-type Legendary Pokémon from the Kanto region. It does not evolve into or from any other Pokémon. It has an Armored Form. It can Mega Evolve into Mega Mewtwo X or Mega Mewtwo Y initially after being given a certain amount of Mega Energy.
* Pokedex Description:
  + Mewtwo is a Pokémon that was created by genetic manipulation. However, even though the scientific power of humans created this Pokémon's body, they failed to endow Mewtwo with a compassionate heart.

Possible attacks:

* Fast Attacks:
  + Confusion
  + Psycho Cut
* Charged Attacks:
  + Flamethrower
  + Focus Blast
  + Ice Beam
  + Psychic
  + Thunderbolt
  + Hyper Beam
  + Psystrike
  + Shadow Ball

Availability:

* Mewtwo was released at the start of Pokémon GO Stadium on August 14th, 2017. Mewtwo obtained during this event are Event Pokémon.
* Non-event Mewtwo was released on September 6th, 2017.
* Shiny Pokémon Shiny form of Mewtwo was released at the start of A Unova Unveiling on September 16th, 2019.
* Icon Shadow Pokémon Shadow form of Mewtwo was released at the start of Pokémon GO Fest 2020 on July 26th, 2020.

Trivia:

* It was the first to be available for capture when defeated as a Raid Boss during an EX Raid Battle.
* On August 13th, 2017, one day before the Pokémon GO Stadium event, a shiny variant was added to the game files, along with stat changes.[8]
* Mewtwo was confirmed as a Raid Boss the following day.[9]
* Trainers who defeated a Mewtwo Raid Boss at Pokémon GO Stadium received over 50 Premier Balls and an increased capture rate.
* Mewtwo appeared as Raid Boss also in Pokémon GO Park event.

Ho–Oh(Johto Region)

Pokedex Number - #0250

Weight: 199kg

Height: 3.81m

* a Fire, Flying-type Legendary Pokémon from the Johto region. It does not evolve into or from any other Pokémon. Along with Lugia, it is a member of the Tower Duo.
* Pokedex Description:
  + Ho-Oh's feathers glow in seven colors depending on the angle at which they are struck by light. These feathers are said to bring happiness to the bearers. This Pokémon is said to live at the foot of a rainbow.

Possible attacks:

* Fast Attacks:
  + Extrasensory
  + Hidden Power
  + Incinerate
  + Steel Wing
* Charged Attacks:
  + Brave Bird
  + Fire Blast
  + Solar Beam
  + Earthquake
  + Sacred Fire
  + Sacred Fire+
  + Sacred Fire++

Availability:

* Ho-Oh was released on November 27th, 2017.
* Shiny form of Ho-Oh was released on May 19th, 2018.
* Pokémon Shadow form of Ho-Oh was released on June 17th, 2021.
* Pokémon Apex Shadow form of Ho-Oh was released at the start of Pokémon GO Tour: Johto on February 26th, 2022.
* Shiny form of Shadow Ho-Oh was released at the start of Taken Treasures on January 27th, 2024.

Giratina(Sinnoh Region)

Pokedex Number - #0487

Weight: 750kg

Height: 4.5m

* a Ghost, Dragon-type Legendary Pokémon from the Sinnoh region. It does not evolve into or from any other Pokémon. It has two forms namely Altered Forme and Origin Forme. Along with Dialga and Palkia, it is a member of the Creation Trio.
* Pokedex Description:
  + It was banished for its violence. It silently gazed upon the old world from the Distortion World.

Possible attacks:

* Fast Attacks:
  + Dragon Breath
  + Shadow Claw
* Charged Attacks:
  + Ancient Power
  + Dragon Claw
  + Shadow Sneak
  + Shadow Force

Forms:

* Giratina has two different forms, varying in stats and moves. Altered Forme is more defense-oriented while Origin Forme is more offense-oriented.

Availability:

* Giratina Altered Forme was released at the start of Halloween 2018 on October 23rd, 2018.
* Shiny form of Giratina Altered Forme was released on September 23rd, 2019.