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A very high risk of becoming Extinct in the Wild

Name	Red panda
Scientific name	<i>Ailurus fulgens</i>
Threats (why they're at risk)	Habitat loss (residential and agricultural), climate change.
Distribution (where they live)	Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal
Habitat (what they live in)	Forest, shrubland
Diet/feeding strategy (what they eat and how they eat it)	Even though they enjoy eating bamboo, red pandas are omnivores. They will also eat fruit, eggs, and insects. Red pandas receive limited nutrients from bamboo; however, they will still eat 1.5-4kg of bamboo leaves and shoots a day.
Social behaviour (how they live)	Red pandas are nocturnal and solitary animals. Males will have large territories that overlap multiple females'. Breeding is usually once a year and the female will give birth in a tree nest.
Males and females	Males (boars) can be 20% larger than females (sows).
Lifespan (how long they live for)	Up to 10 years.
Number of young (how many babies)	1-4 cubs.
Interesting fact	Red Pandas have evolved to have an extra 6th digit on each hand known as a "false thumb", which comes out of their wrist. This allows their hands to be prehensile and grab bamboo as humans would. Their "false thumb" is also known as a radial sesamoid.