Considered as symbols of power & courage by the ancients, the carnivores or the predators are undeniably sources of wonder & awe. Large or small, they are a successful group of animals playing a dynamic role as predators, prey, scavengers & even dispersers of seeds.

Sri Lanka, with its surrounding continental waters is home to 90 indigenous terrestrial mammalian species (of which 16 are endemic) & 28 species of marine mammals. A further 12 species have been introduced. This poster illustrates all 14 members of the order Carnivora in the island & the pangolin. Other 'carnivores' include the microchiropteran bats, some cetaceans & introduced domesticated carnivores (though some are insectivores to be more specific).

**Viverrids – civets & palm cats**

Some are widely and/or commonly & effective predators feeding on birds, other vertebrates, small invertebrates, plant matter & carrion, others also include fruit & roots in their diet thus act as pollinators & seed dispersers. 4 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-developed. 16 species are native to the island, but 2 species are not well-depe...