

# Dragons

All dragons fall under the Genus Draconis and as such are widely referred to as "dragons" the same way both humans and horses are referred to as "mammals". All dragons have a reptilian appearance, breathe fire, and have some form of mimicry and near-magic camouflage. Past this however, dragons can differ significantly and here we will discuss several of the more common varieties. It is significant to note that there are a large variety of dragons, the majority have been considered extinct due to lack of sightings for several decades before the second great war.

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## Wyvern - Common

A large and dangerous creature around the size of a wolf, these arial predators often hunt in packs of up to fifteen. Their habitat mostly consists of mountainous terrain though they are sometimes seen in the desert as well. Wyverns are extremely territorial and known to harass travelers passing through their perceived range which, taking into consideration their ability to fly, can be a significant area.

Wyverns are easy to identify from their front, batlike wings and short back legs. Their long neck and tail are incredibly dexterous and snake like, and both tail and teeth have the ability to deliver a venomous blow. A single strike from a wyvern is usually not lethal, but multiple strikes can cause paralysis and eventually death so it is advised to avoid confrontation with wyverns as much as possible.

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## Mock Wyvern - Common

Like their larger cousins, mock wyverns have four limbs: two wings and two legs. However, mock wyverns rarely get larger than two feet in length from tail to snout. In addition, mock wyverns carry no venom and are omnivorous, enjoying a diet of fruits and nuts, as well as insects and small animals.

While cute, mock wyverns can still deliver a powerful bite and are not recommended as pets to inexperienced pet owners.

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## Rock Drake - Uncommon

Rock drakes are wingless dragons around the same size as a bear that generally reside in forests that border mountains. They can be identified by their heavier than usual armoured scales along their back and shoulders, as well as impressive horns that can form "crowns" on their heads and are highly sought after as a trophy. Reclusive and timid, rock drakes tend to avoid contact with humans at all costs but will viciously defend their dens and young if approached.

There were attempts in the past to domesticate rock drakes, but the cost of maintaining such an animal, along with its general timid behaviour and "short fuse" anger made it too much effort to do widespread, though some individual animals have been trained on occasion.

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## Wyrms - Rare

Wyrms are the closest living relatives to the Great Wyrms of the past. These animals have six limbs, four legs and two powerful wings, and can grow as tall as thirteen feet at the shoulder, reaching an average length of twenty feet (thirty to forty including their tail).

Sightings of wyrms are mostly unheard of, as a predator of their size requires an extreme territory for hunting. Considered to be asexual creatures, able to reproduce on their own, the meeting of two wyrms is a terrifying sight and if one does not back down from the confrontation it nearly always ends with the death of one of the animals. Since the end of the second great war, only three wyrms have been sighted and their territory roughly mapped out.

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