



*the*  
thylacine



*Extinct 1700 B.C.*

The thylacine (or tasmanian tiger) was first encountered by the Europeans 200 years ago in Tasmania, Australia. Thylacines were quite common, but often shot on sight as they were a threat to domesticated livestock. Bounties were eventually placed which resulted in the quick demise of the species. Thylacines have become somewhat of a myth today, with many still searching for the animal in the wild.

*Diet*

Thylacines were carnivores and often hunted for small animals such as birds and wallabies in grasslands.

*Habitat*

Thylacines were a secretive species wary of humans, and preferred to live in a habitat of dry eucalypt forest, wetlands and grasslands.

*Features*

A thylacine resembled a large dog with dark stripes and a heavy, stiff tail. They also featured short brown fur and a rather large, elongated head.