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Category: Pegasus - winged white stallion (Greek) Poeka - spirits or fairies who lived near ancient stones; could be good or bad (Ireland) Sleipnir - Odin's eight-legged horse, which he rode to Hel (Norse) Simurgh - like the Hippogriff with the head of a human (Persian) Shuubanba - shapeshifting spirit that typically appears as a beautiful, long-haired woman when seen from behind, but revealing the face of a woman (Chinese) Talsalang - creature with the body of a man and the head and hooves of a horse that lurks in the mountains and forests (Philippines) Uchisashikubi - seven-headed flying white horse (Hinda) Unicorn - horse-like creature with single horn, often symbolizing purity (worldwide) Winged unicorn Water Horse - general name for mythical horses of many cultures (Celt) Dwr (Welsh) - water horse Each-uiseog (Scottish) - malevolent shapeshifting oceanic water horse Enbarr (Irish) - Mannan's horse, capable of traversing land and sea Hippocampus (Greek) - Horse with a fish tail Ichthyocentaurs (Greek) - upper body of a man, the lower front of a horse, tail of a fish Kelpie (Scottish) - water horse Morvarc'h (Breton) - legendary horse that could gallop on the waves Nixie (Germanic) - Shapeshifting water being known for appearing as a horse Nucklavee (Orcaidian) - Skinless oceanic water horse with pestilent breath Nuggle (Scottish) - Mischievous male water horse Tantie (Scottish) - shapeshifting sea water horse White horse Main article: List of elephants in mythology and religion See also: Category:Mythological elephants Abath Baku Behemoth Quagaarakp - (Inuit) Explanation for Mammoths & other Ice Age remains washing out of riversides. Underworld monsters who dig their way up to the human world, but die upon breathing our air. Taweret See also: Category:Mythological pigs Calydonian Boar Erymanthian Boar Zhu Bajie Mapingurui Main article: List of megafauna in mythology and folklore Main article: List of giants in mythology and folklore This listing includes creatures that are man-made, mechanical or of alchemical origins. Automaton (worldwide) - self-operating machine; most famous example is Greek mythological Talos Blueuuewedd (German) - wife of Llleu Llawn Gyffys Brazen head (Medieval legends) - living head of brass purported to be able to answer any question given to it Doli Wompan - (Lenape) lifelike doll spirit. Must stay properly appeased, or will cause mischief in the home. Frankenstein's monster Galatea (Greek) - ivory statue carved by Pygmalion Gingerbread Man - from German folk tales Golem (Jewish) - animated humanoid construct Homunculus (Alchemy) - diminutive, animated construct Nephele (Greek) - nymph formed from a cloud by Zeus to resemble the goddess Hera Shabti (Egyptian) - clay model used by workers Takekoshi (Zulu mythology) - diminutive, hairy humanoid with various magical powers Tibbiri (Chinese) - creations of witches from a rib bone and wool for the purpose of stealing milk Tsukumogami (Japanese) - objects that come to life, of their own accord, after 100 years Tulpā (Tibetan Buddhism) - creature brought to life through meditation Tulpai (Inuit) - large statues brought to life to serve yuchi and shamans Ushabti (Egyptian) - clay guardians/assistants Various objects animated by gods, demons and spirits in mythology, legend and folklore See also: Category:Mythological hemophagates Ahn Chupacabra Dhampii Petra Golden Hind Kappa Kekkaï Lamia Manananggal Mandurug Redcap Rokurokubi Sighin Vampire Werewolf Yuki-onna Bloody Bones Gashadokuro Grim Reaper Skeleton Argon Panoptes Basilisk Catoblepas Cockatrice Cyclopes Gorgon Hiyotsune-kozoku Lamia Linn Mokumokuren Main article: List of one-eyed creatures in mythology and fiction Asura Deva / Devi Nopperabō Futakuchi-onna Harionagao Makva Medusa Amphibsaena Cerberus Chimera Chonchon Double-headed eagle Dullahan Hekatoncheires Hydra Lernaean Hydra Nine-headed Bird Nukekubi Rokurokubi Orthrus Shesha Penanggalan Yanyüdiō Xing Tian Yacuruna Yamata no Orochi Asura (Indian) Deva / Devi (Indian) Hekatoncheires Hinkypunk - (English) variation on Will o the Wisp. A single, incorporeal leg hopping around bogs with a lantern. Kui O'nyaten (Iroquoian) aka Dry Fingers. Mummified hand. Appears and leaps out at people after certain transgressions, such as speaking ill of the dead, or butting into other people's personal business. Sleipnir Three-legged bird Futakuchi-onna Kuchisake-onna Selkie Skin-walker Swan maiden Bakeneke Kitsuane Yamato no Orochi Kumbo Huldre Nguruvuli Seporpard Rokurokubi Vampire Manananggal Voryen[5] Pixiu See also: Category:War deities Androktaiai Eryinap Hiyagi Hysminal Keres Lemures Makhai Onryō Phonoï Valkyrie Vengeful ghost Phoenix Ubumo See also: List of ghosts See also the categories Undead and Personifications of death Ammit Banshee Demon Devil Dullahan Ghost Grim Reaper Ox-Head and Horse-Face Phoenix Undead Valkyrie Vampire See also: Category:Sleep in mythology and folklore Alp Baku Carbuncle Deed Drac Incubus / Succubus Mermaid Nightmarer Nue Oni Sandman Satori Zuhacé Basilisk Balor The Evil Eye - king of the Fayonians, a race of giants, and a cyclops (Irish) Catoblepas - Gorgon Gorgone - woman with mares head of living, venomous snakes, and eyes that turned them to stone (Greek) Medusa - once a human, Medusa and her sisters were turned to be terrible monsters by Athena (Greek) Fairy Fata Morgana - second oldest of the Gorgon sisters (Greek) Shesha - eldest of the Gorgon Sisters (Greek) Abathwa Alana Boto Faun Gancanagh German Incubus / Succubus Maenad Nymphs Pombu Popobaba Satyr Sileni / Sileus Unicorn Zemyra / Zempetasi Simurgh Carbuncle (Chilote) - said to be the "guardian of the metals"[3] Dwarf Egiene Genie Leib-Ölmal Leprechaun Matagot Pixiu Sarimanok Sighin Yaksha / Yakshini Angel Chalkydri Deity Lampetia Will-o-the-wisp Dragon See also: Category:Love and lust gods Cupid / Eros / Cherub Gancanagh Selkie Swan maiden Madame White Snake Melusine Tenny Undine Banshee Encantado Fenghuang Fosseggrim Mermaid Nue Siren Yamabiko Main article: Talking animal Gêr Satan See also: Category:Time and fate gods Chronos Father Time Gremilin Baba Yaga Bai Ze Griffin Salomon of Wisdom Sphinx Valravn See list of theological demons Chalkydri Deity Elemental Spirit Angel Demon Devil Yokai Nymph Elf Fairy See also: List of flying mythological creatures Ala Elemental Feldaister Zuhacé Black dog Bogeymen Enerra Ghost Grim Reaper Wechuge Wendigo Shadow People Vampire Werewolf Oni Gashadokuro Camazotz Wild Hunt Hell Hound See also: Category:Earth spirits Asas Bluecap Elemental Dwarf Earth Dragon Gargolye Giant Gnome Goblin Golem Knocker (folklore) Monopod Nymph Ogres Oread Ten Ten-Vu! Further information: Fire-breathing monster Basan Bluecap Cherufe Chimera Dragon Elemental Enerra Ifrit Hellhound Lampad Phoenix Salamander Angel Chalkydri Light Elf Rainbow crow Rainbow Serpent Alcaicai[1] Pixiu Carbunclo[3] Chrysomalos Cyclopes Griffins Gnome Leprechaun Bulgasari Chinese dragon Cytopes Feldaister Kitsuane Raijū Thunderbird Valkyrie See also the categories Mythological water creatures and Water spirits Afanc Amefurikudo Aspidochelone Phloody Bones Buggane Bunyip Camenae Capricorn Cetus Charibdis Chinese Dragon Cai Cai-Vilu Chinese Naave Day Jansy's "Locker Draug Each uisge Elemental Fish People Fosseggrim Fur-bearing trout Gargouille Grindylow Haeieta Hippocamp Hydra Ichess Ircynian Jasconius Jengu Kappa Kelpie Laik monster Lovellat Lethatan Loch Ness monster Lomax Lurka Makara Melusine Mami Wata Mermaid / Merman Merrow Murechella Naiad Nalké Nereid Niam Nymph Pisces Pombat River gods Rusalka Samhela Sea monster Siren Serpent Selkie Shen Siren Tawitwa Tiamat Triton Ondine Vodyanoy Water Dragon Water leaper Water spirit Yacuruna Zaratán Dwarf European dragon Gnome Goblin Golem Grootslang Lethra Troll Yaoguai Angel Chalkydri Deva / Devi Feathered serpent Heavenly Llama[4] Pegasus Grim Reaper Swan Maiden Tennyin Three-legged bird Valkyrie Amphibsaena Basilisk Cockatrice Ghoul Mongolian Death Worm Spinix See also: Category:Forest spirits Ábáda Túrúria) - forest spirit with shoes on the wrong feet Ajarar Bigfoot Dwarf Elf Green Man Irrwurz Leshy Lindworm Makva Mossa one-eyed woman Owlman Satyr Unicorn Curpanseg Dinogonek Mapingurui Manticores Sai Fairy Gnome Ennedi tiger Werhehena See also: Category:Lake monsters Ahuitzotl Bak Bunyip Chinese dragon Dobhar-chú Encantado Grootslang Iara Jiaoqiong Kappa Kelpie Lake monster Hydra Loch Ness Monster Hydra Loch Ness Monster Mugwump Naiad Nixie Ogopogo Ondine Naraion serpent Rusalka Ryujin Shellycock Warlock Yacuruna See also: Category:Mining spirits Alp Dwarf Fenghuang Griffín Hippogriff Mountain Giant Kamaitachi Makva Oread Patupairehe Rúbézhazh Sätzr Tengü Yeti See also: Sea monster and Gorgie sea goddesses Aspidochelone Bishop-fish Charibdis Kai Cai-Vilu Dragon King Fish People Hippocamp Leviathan Jormungand Kraken Mermaid / Merman Nereid Sea monk Sea serpent Selkie Shen Siren Tritons Umibōzu Water Dragon Yacuruna See also: Category:Swamp monsters Budnik Bunyip Grootslang Lernaean Hydra Honey Island Swamp monster Mokele-mbembe Swamp monster Will-o'-the-wisp Cherufe Phoenix Salamander Akhltu Anarako Hrimthurs Ijraq Jotun Giffrin Saumen Kar Tizheruk Wechuge Wendigo Yeti Ymir Yuki-onna Fur Halle Main article: Household deity See also: Category:Household deities Banshee Boggart Brownie Dromod - Slavic house spirit Dvorovoi - Slavic yard spirit Duende Jin Kobold Tomte Vampire Zashiki-warashi See also: Category:Underworld deities Cerberus Ammit Cerberus Cyclopes Demon Devil Earth Dragon Garm Hekatoncheires Hellhound Ifrit Ox-Head and Horse-Face Petra See Mythic humanoid List of hybrid creatures Chalkydri beings from the Second Book of Enoch[6] Kua Fu a giant in China Three-legged bird in China, Korea, and Japan Phoenix in Greek Mythology Jade rabbit Werewolf Werra Jaguar Alien Azure Dragon Black Tortoise Capricorn Centaur Heavenly Llama[4] Ladon Nemean Lion Pegasus Phoenix Vermilion Bird Yellow Dragon White Tiger See also: List of mythological places World Elephant World Tree World Turtle See also: Category:Trees in mythology Alraune Clicklock Tree- (American) An oak tree planted by a slave which later comes to life to protect his wife and son from a vengeful slave overseer. Dryad Gillie Dhu Green Man Hamadryd Jubokko Kodama Leshy Mandrake Penghou Snake Tree- (Lakota) Tree brought to life by a witch. Lashes out at anything that comes close with branches opened in poisonous thorns that paralyze the victim. Spriggen Tree of life Vampire pumpkins and watermelons (Roman) Vegetable Lamb of Tartaria Zapam Zuum Zaqqum See Trees in mythology Main article: List of shapeshifters Griffin Jackalope Unicorn (rather resembles the moon) Wolpertinger Anarak Bigfoot Ennedi tiger Ghoul Owlman Werewolf Vampire See also: Category:Ghosts Aswas Banshee - (Scottish, Gaelic, Irish) Chindi - (Navajo) The dark side of the moon which has the ability to remain behind in the earth after death and become a sort of dark spirit. Drekvac (Croatia) Name used for several distinct undead monsters. Ghost - (Worldwide) Inipi- (California Native) shapeshifting ghosts Jikinniki Kuchisake-onna Lugat (Albanian) Poltergeist - (Worldwide) Petra Revenant Suava Spirit - (Worldwide) Tei Pal Wanka - (Wampanoag) Term for swamp lights in Algonquian lore. Enslaved souls of people taken by the Little People who are used to scare people who've done wrong or lure them to their deaths. Vampire Wanagi- (Lakota) Lakota name for Siouan undead people. Essentially ghosts. Wewe Gombel Will Will o' the wisp - Jack o' lantern (English) Wraith Yurei Ghosts in Hindu Mythology: Bhoat, Baital and Pishacha See also: List of vampires in folklore and mythology and Category: Corporeal undead Draugr Fext Ghoul Jiangshi Lich Manananggal Mullo (Roman) variation on a vampire. Mummy (undead) (modern interpretation) Mýling Nukekubi Pontianak Skeleton Undead Vampire Zombie Anaye - (Navajo) various monsters that take the forms of animals, living objects and humans. Derived from a time where men and women beat the longest without the other sex and the women pleasuring themselves with whatever random things they thought would do the job, which caused their chosen toys to father them monstrous, man-eating children. Daimon Deities Fairy Familiar Gentle - or Jin, Djinn, Monstr Sprite Yökai ^ a b Montecino Aguirre, Sonia (2015), "Alcanto", *Mitos de Chile: Enciclopedia de seres, apariciones y encantos* (in Spanish), Catalonia, pp. 47–48. ISBN 978-956-324-375-8. ^ a b Quintana Mansilla, Bernardo, "El Carbuco", *Chilote mitológico* (in Spanish), *^ a b c d* Montecino Aguirre, Sonia (2015), "Carbunclo", *Mitos de Chile: Enciclopedia de seres, apariciones y encantos* (in Spanish), Catalonia, p. 415. ISBN 978-956-324-375-8. ^ "Geryon". *Retrieved 10 February 2017*, a three-bodied, four-winged giant ^ Platt, Rutherford (1926). The Lost Books of the Bible and the Forgotten Books of Eden. Entry: The Book of the Secrets of Enoch chapter XII Retrieved from " Fantastical creatures have captured the human imagination since the dawn of time. Emerging from ancient beliefs, oral traditions, warnings about the dangers of distant lands, and attempts to explain the inexplicable, mythological creatures appear in lore from all over the world. Sometimes these mythical creatures are peaceful, like unicorns. Other times, they're frightening, like wendigos or werewolves. And more often than not, these creatures are believed to be incredibly elusive. Read on to learn about 33 mythological creatures, from the terrifying Pontianak of Southeast Asian lore to the fiery phoenix of Egyptian mythology. The Loch Ness Monster: One Of The Most Famous Mythological Creatures Keystone/Getty ImagesA photograph – later proven to be a hoax – that claimed to show the Loch Ness Monster in 1934. The story of one of the world's most famous mythical creatures emerged from a small corner of Scotland near Inverness. The Loch Ness Monster has long abounded of a long-necked creature, first reported in Loch Ness, Loch Ness Monster. Though speculation about the Loch Ness Monster reached a fever pitch in the 20th century, when several purported sightings took place, the legend of the Loch Ness Monster actually dates back to 365 C.E., when an Irish abbot named St. Columba allegedly encountered the creature. Griffins: The Winged Monkeys Griffins were first documented in the 6th century. These wellhounds are described as being huge and black, with red eyes and they are believed to be harbingers of doom. As one early 20th-century account states: "it is even said that to meet him is to be warned that your death will occur before the end of the year." Vampires: The Most Famous Blood-Sucking Mythological Creatures Public DomainVampirc monsters first appeared in ancient lore, but our modern image of these mythical creatures took shape in the 19th and 20th centuries. Like some other mythological creatures on this list, vampires have stalked legends since the beginning of time. A number of ancient cultures had vampirc monsters in their lore; in Egypt, Sekhmet, the daughter of the sun god Ra, had an insatiable thirst for human blood. The modern-day vampire, however, was developed in the 19th century, thanks to penny dreadfuls like Varney the Vampire and Bram Stoker's iconic 1897 novel Dracula. Cat-Sith: The Mythological Feline Of Celtic Lore In Irish and Scottish mythology, the cat-sith is described as a huge black cat with a white spot on its chest. Sometimes depicted as a supernatural creature, and sometimes as a witch with the ability to turn into a cat, the cat-sith is thought to hang around graveyards in hopes of trapping souls still in between life and death. Legend states that a special guard called Féil Phadalach could be posted at cemeteries to distract the cat-sith. Pukwudgies: The Magical "Little People" Of Native American Legend Mythical creatures that appear in Chippewa, Wampanoag, Algonkin, Abenaki, and Mohican lore, Pukwudgies are magical "little people" who live in the forest. They're sometimes described as harmless tricksters, and they're sometimes depicted as dangerous creatures who can steal children or hurt people who disrespect them. Different tribes ascribe different powers to them: Some claim that Pukwudgies can turn invisible, while others state that they can turn into fearsome animals like eagles. Changelings: Being killed or abandoned. 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