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Review the species composition and data about the general state of the fauna of vertebrates in the Ukrainian part of the Chornobyl zone late XX - early XXI century are submitted. A complete list of vertebrate species that live or may be in the territory of Exclusion Zone has been compiled, the status of information on each species has been considered. Results on the taxonomic diversity of vertebrate fauna and the presence and current state of the "Red Book" species summarized. It is concluded that the size of the territory (2500 km2) and the richness of animal complexes, given the role of this region in the life of many migratory species and in view of the long-standing almost protected regime, the Chornobyl zone should be categorized to some extent, objects of the nature reserve fund of Ukraine and is included in the Pan-European ecological network.