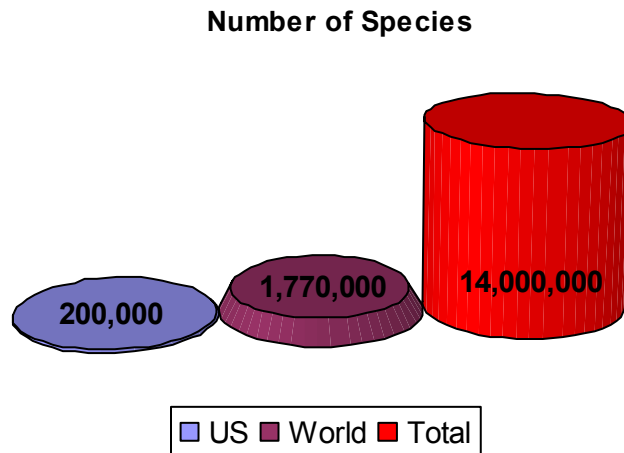


## Biodiversity is not just about rarity

There are 1.75 million known species on Earth.  
The total number of species on Earth is estimated  
between 3 and 100 million with a 'working figure' of 14 million.



### **Biodiversity is the variety and variability of life on Earth**

This includes all of the plants and animals that live, grow, breathe, walk, fly, and swim on the Earth's surface, all of the habitats that they call home, and all of the natural processes that they are a part of. All of these are part of the global ecosystem - the Earth's entire collection of living things and the environment in which they live.

Did you know that there are more animals on earth than stars in our galaxy? That the global biomass of ants equals that of humans?

That there are 500 trees and 50 birds per human currently on earth?

- *Life Counts-Cataloguing life on earth*