

# The “Big 5” Mass Extinctions

Extinction is a major feature of the entire fossil record.  
Some intervals have especially high extinction counts.

## GRAPH KEY

N = *Neogene*  
Pg = *Paleogene*  
K = *Cretaceous*  
J = *Jurassic*  
Tr = *Triassic*  
P = *Permian*  
C = *Carboniferous*  
D = *Devonian*  
S = *Silurian*  
O = *Ordovician*  
Cm = *Cambrian*

