

**feral**

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 ['fi(ə)rəl] *а арх.*

1. похоронный, погребальный, мрачный  
feral birds that love darkness - зловещие птицы, любящие темноту
2. роковой, смертельный  
feral diseases - смертельные болезни

## II

['fi(ə)rəl] *а книжн.*

1. дикий, неприрученный
2. одичавший (*о растениях и т. п.*)
3. грубый, жестокий

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**feral** *BrE* ['ferəl] <sup>#</sup> *NAmE* ['ferəl] <sup>#</sup> *adjective*

(*of animals*) living wild, especially after escaping from life as a pet or on a farm

- feral cats
- (*figurative*) He looked at me with a feral grin (= like a wild animal) .

Word Origin:

[**feral**] early 17th cent.: from Latin *fera* 'wild animal' (from *ferus* 'wild') + ↑-al.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[*Date*: 1600-1700; *Language*: Medieval Latin; *Origin*: feralis, from Latin *fera* 'wild animal']

feral animals used to live with humans but have become wild:

<sup>#</sup> feral cats

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Freakuency Pack

12500 **12128**<sup>MCW</sup>

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RANGE: **12k** FERAL <sup>807</sup>

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