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The natural complexes formed in the ChZ over the past 20 years, despite the significant radiation pollution of the territory, are uniquely high and valuable faunal diversity and play a significant role in the ecology of the region and the continent. According to the results of long-term research up to 409 species of vertebrates can live on the territory of ChZ. The taxonomic diversity of vertebrate fauna is given. The complex of species that belong to the Red Book of Ukraine is also quite large - 54 species. Of these 17 species have already been identified. The territory of the ChZ has become significant potential for the restoration of the original natural-geographical complex of forest, meadow, and swamp biogeocenoses of Polissya, which was so easily destroyed by human. The need to create a reserve on the territory of the ChZ was noted. The territories that have great protected value were given.