

Questions for Candidates

Questions for National Office Candidates

Say:

The Endangered Species Act is successfully working as a safety net for plants and wildlife to protect them for future generations and has brought back iconic species from extinction, including the bald eagle, American alligator, evening primrose, and humpback whale.

And then ask a question from below:

Do you promise to support the Endangered Species Act if you're elected? And if so, what specific actions would you support?

When decisions are made about protecting species, politics sometimes outweighs science. How will you make sure that plant and wildlife decisions are made by scientists and not special interests?

Endangered species programs are always underfunded. Do you support increased funding for endangered plants and wildlife?

Questions for Governors

Say:

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And then ask a question from below:

We need a full set of wildlife and plants on the landscape to protect our air and water. Will you pledge to appoint wildlife commissioners and Fish and Wildlife Agency directors who understand and support protecting all plants and wildlife, not just game animals?

Do you pledge to protect declining plant and animal populations before they become endangered, if you're elected? And if so, what specific actions would you support?

Questions for State and Local Positions: Any Region

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protect them for future generations and has brought back iconic species from extinction, including the bald eagle, American peregrine falcon, and humpback whale. If you're elected, do you pledge to protect declining plant and animal populations before they become endangered? And if so, what specific actions would you support?

Northwest

Say:

Iconic species of plants, fish, and wildlife such as Pacific salmon, Pacific yew tree, Golden Paintbrush, Kinkaid's lupine, Orcas, and woodland caribou are an important part of our Pacific Northwest natural heritage, but these species are in decline.

And then ask a question from below:

Do you pledge to support habitat conservation, as well as policies and funding to protect and recover imperiled plants, fish and wildlife in our state? And if so, what specific actions would you support?

What specific actions would you take to protect Orcas?

What is your stand on removing the four lower Snake River dams?

California

Say:

Iconic species of plants, fish, and wildlife such as Pacific salmon, Joshua tree, Mexican flannelbush, water howelia, yellow larkspur, sea otter, Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep, gray wolf, and California condor are an important part of our California natural heritage, but these species are in decline.

And then ask a question from below:

Do you pledge to support habitat conservation, as well as policies and funding to protect and recover imperiled plants, fish and wildlife in our state? And if so, what specific actions would you support?

Do you fully support continued protections of California's coastal waters and marine fish and wildlife from the threat of oil and gas development in state or federal waters?

Do you pledge to protect wildlife and plants that are dependent on water in California? And if so, what policies would you support?

Will you support a strong wolf management plan that is geared toward reducing conflict?

Northern Rockies

Iconic species of plants, fish, and wildlife such as bighorn sheep, wolverines, White bark pine tree, Spaulding's catchfly, Ute ladies tresses, and native trout are an important part of our western natural heritage, but some of these species are in decline. Do you pledge to support habitat conservation, as well as policies and funding to protect and recover imperiled plants, fish and wildlife in our state? And if so, what specific actions would you support?

Southern Rockies

Iconic species of plants, fish, and wildlife such as the Gunnison sage grouse, Mesa verde cactus, Western prairie fringed orchid, Colorado butterfly plant, Canada lynx, pikeminnow, and the greenback cutthroat trout are an important part of our Western natural heritage, but these species are still imperiled.

And then ask a question from below:

Do you pledge to support habitat conservation, as well as policies and funding to protect and recover imperiled plants, fish and wildlife in our state? And if so, what specific actions would you support?

Will you support returning locally extinct native species to Colorado, such as the gray wolf?

What is your stand on the negative effects of the oil and gas industry on our wildlife?

Southwest

Iconic species of plants, fish, and wildlife such as the Mexican gray wolf, California condor, black-footed ferret, saguaro cactus, Pima pineapple cactus, Arizona cliffrose, Kearney's blue-star, jaguar, and the desert tortoise are an important part of our Southwestern natural heritage, but these species are still imperiled.

And then ask a question from below:

Do you pledge to support habitat conservation, as well as policies and funding to protect and recover imperiled plants, fish and wildlife in our state? And if so, what specific actions would you support?

Will you support the full recovery of the Mexican gray wolf based on the best available science and what actions will you take?

Do you pledge to protect wildlife and plants that are dependent on water in our state? And if so, what policies would you support?

Great Plains

Say:

Iconic species of fish & wildlife such as the black footed ferret, whooping crane, pallid sturgeon, blowout penstemon, Gypsum wild buckwheat, small white ladies slipper orchid, and western prairie fringed orchid are an important part of our Great Plains heritage, but these species are in decline.

And then ask a question from below:

Do you pledge to support habitat conservation, as well as policies and funding to protect and recover imperiled plants, fish and wildlife in our state? And if so, what specific actions would you support?

Gulf Coast

Say:

Iconic species of plants, fish, and wildlife such as sea turtles, Gulf sturgeon, bald cypress, relict trillium, whorled sunflower, Southern ladies slipper, and least tern are an important part of our Gulf Coast natural heritage, but these species are in decline.

And then ask a question from below:

Do you pledge to support habitat conservation, as well as policies and funding to protect and recover imperiled plants, fish and wildlife in our state? And if so, what specific actions would you support?

What policies will you support to reduce the impacts of climate change on our state?

How will you protect our state from the negative impacts of offshore oil drilling?

Great Lakes

Say:

Iconic species of plants, fish, and wildlife such as whooping cranes, piping plovers, dwarf lake iris, Eastern prairie fringed orchid, Michigan monkey-flower, Lakeside daisy, and Canada lynx,

are an important part of our Great Lakes natural heritage, but these species are in decline.

And then ask a question from below:

Do you pledge to support habitat conservation, as well as policies and funding to protect and recover imperiled plants, fish and wildlife in our state? And if so, what specific actions would you support?

What specific steps would you take to improve the poor state management that we have for wolves and other imperiled species?

What steps will you take to address unlimited hounding practices?

Northeast

Say:

Iconic species of plants, fish, and wildlife such as Canada lynx, piping plovers, Eastern prairie fringed orchid, Jessup's milkvetch, Northern wild monkshood, Swamp pink, and Northern right whales are an important part of the Northeast's natural heritage, but these species are in decline.

And then ask one question from below:

Do you pledge to support habitat conservation, as well as policies and funding to protect and recover imperiled plants, fish and wildlife in our state? And if so, what specific actions would you support?

What do you propose to do about lobster gear entanglements with highly endangered N. Atlantic Right whales?

Mid-Atlantic

Iconic species of plants, fish, and wildlife such as the leatherback sea turtles, Indiana bat, rusty-patched bumblebee, shortnose sturgeon, ladies slipper orchids, fringed gentian, large purple fringed orchid, Virginia mallow, and red knot are an important part of our region's natural heritage, but these species are in decline. Do you pledge to support habitat conservation, as well as policies and funding to protect and recover imperiled plants, fish and wildlife in our state? And if so, what specific actions would you support?

Southeast

Say:

Iconic species of plants, fish, and wildlife such as sea turtles, manatees, bald cypress, mangrove, Alabama canebrake pitcher-plant, Carolina hedge nettle, persistant trillium, and whales are an important part of our region's natural heritage, but these species are in decline.

And then ask one question from below:

What do you propose to do to protect sea turtles, whales and all of the other endangered species that contribute to our local economy?

Nature in many beautiful forms, from lagoons to beaches, is the most important economic driver in our region. What will you do to protect our habitats?