



IMPACT REPORT 2023

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Endangered Species Act

In 2023, the Endangered Species Coalition, dozens of our member organizations and partners, agencies, and others celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Endangered Species Act with a year of events and activities.



MICTLANTECUHTLI Mural
by Mexican artist HOKZYN

The Aztec god of the underworld is surrounded by the Mexican gray wolf and the Mexican spotted owl, which, according to folklore, acted as a messenger to the land of the dead. Located in Cerrillos, NM.



Eastern Black Rail Audubon Mural
by Belarusian artist, Yulia Avgustinovich

Standing prominently in the LeDroit Park neighborhood of Washington D.C., this mural depicts the elusive Eastern Black Rail. Highly endangered, it ranges from TX to NJ, with fewer than 850 pairs in the wild.

With over 50 events, including 11 murals by community artists illustrating endangered species, monthly educational activities for children, and our collaborative art gallery, the ESA at 50 celebrations engaged diverse communities and highlighted the amazing work that has been accomplished thanks to the Endangered Species Act.

BIG WINS

10

Collaborating with member groups, we championed the reintroduction of 10 gray wolves to Colorado.

63,445

Individual activists were engaged through online organizing

50

New pollinator-friendly plantings in 17 states for a combined 200+ plantings in 26 states

2023 CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS



Defend the Endangered Species Act



- Rallied over 80 Members of Congress! They actively supported bills, wrote letters, and joined briefings to protect our endangered species. *Making biodiversity protection a Congressional priority.*
- Built bipartisan support with 25 Republican House members who stood against anti-ESA bills. *Conservation is a cause everyone can get behind.*
- Identified 8 Democratic Senators who will take a leadership role for wildlife. *More champions for species.*
- Connected 150 constituents and allies with decision-makers through meetings, briefings, and town halls. *We're all in this together for biodiversity.*
- Mobilized 200 groups to make noise and catch the attention of the Biden Administration. *The result? The Biden Administration requested the largest-ever increase in ESA funding – over \$79 million more!*
- Supported ESA champs Rep. Grijalva and Sen. Blumenthal as they re-introduced the Extinction Prevention Act on Endangered Species Day. *Advocacy in Action!*
- Teamed up with member groups to bring wildlife crossings and the new Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program to the forefront. *It's about saving species and creating pathways for them to thrive.*



Protect and Recover Keystone Species and Imperiled Wildlife



- Endangered Species Coalition (ESC) achieved a significant milestone by working with member groups, community members, and government agencies to reintroduce 10 gray wolves in Colorado. This victory highlights ESC's impactful approach, uniting diverse voices to preserve and protect endangered species.
- Convened and coordinated over 40 groups around the country to support wolf recovery.
- Working alongside our dedicated activists, we helped generate 23,947 comments and sent 46,312 emails to the Biden administration supporting the relisting of wolves under the ESA. Got 28 letters to the editor published, enhancing the reach and advocacy efforts.
- Planted over 50 new pollinator gardens in 17 states for a grand total of 200+ plantings across 26 states and three sites in Mexico.
- Formed alliances with farming organizations, supporting Tribal, women, and refugee farmers, including the Shoshone-Bannock Tribal members, Snoqualmie Tribe, and more.
- Collaborated with 20 groups to create native pollinator habitats and provide education in states crucial to monarch butterflies, bees, and bats.
- Celebrated as the Pennsylvania House passed legislation safeguarding animal habitats and enhancing eligibility for funding from the new federal Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program.

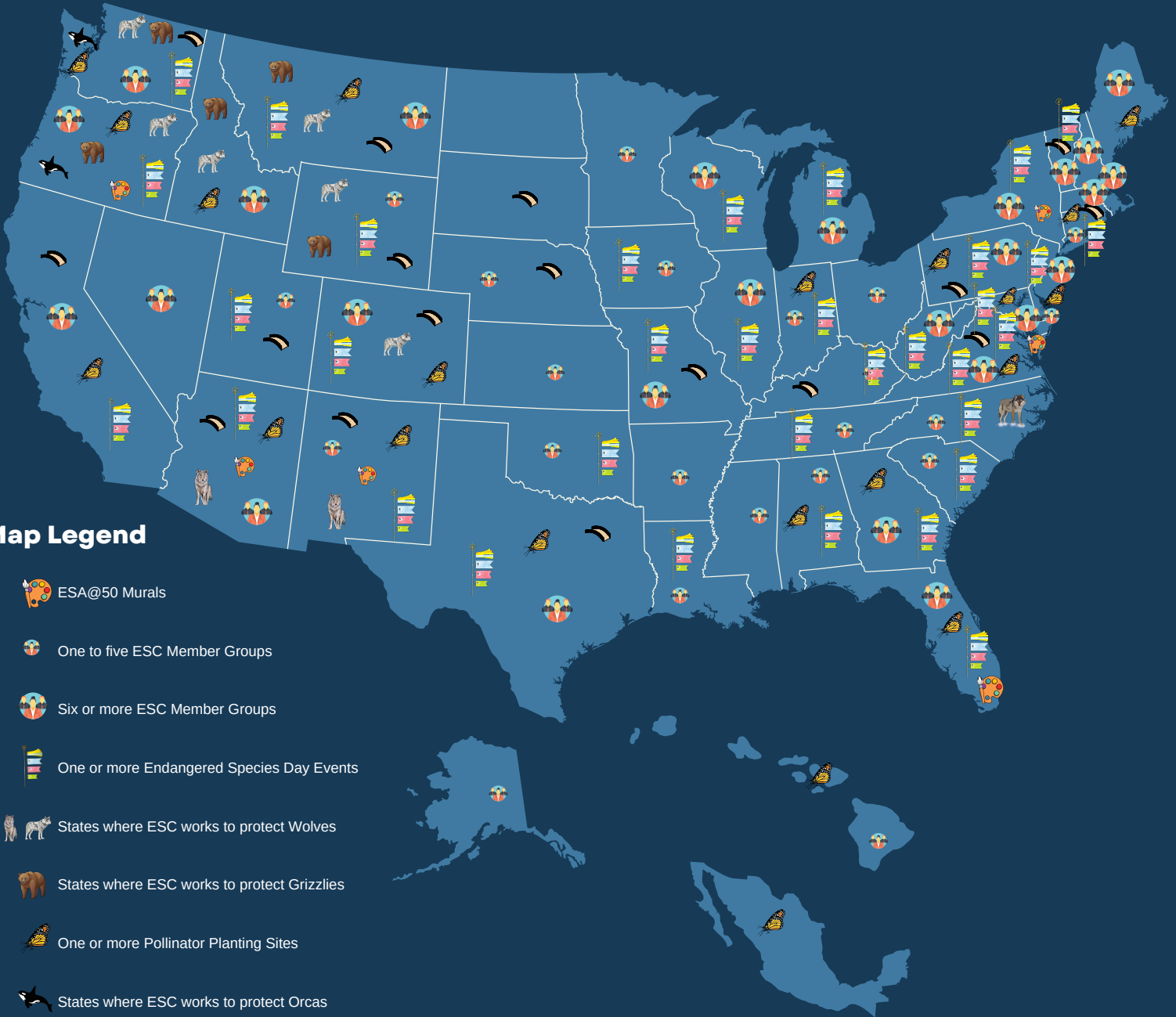


Building a Movement for Biodiversity



- Celebrated Endangered Species Day! We hosted 106 events nationwide, including conservation career panels, the Endangered Species Chalk Art Contest, Large Carnivore Trivia, and many other events to engage diverse communities nationwide.
- Crafted 23 engaging YouTube videos to train activists. These videos provide free training to a wide audience and serve as a lasting resource for our 400+ member groups and partners.
- Provided customized support to member groups to grow their advocacy skills and increase our influence on Capitol Hill and in State Houses across the country.
- Commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the Endangered Species Act! Including,
 - A fly-in to Washington D.C. for over 100 endangered species activities to educate members of Congress.
 - An ESA@50 reception honoring individuals, Tribes, NGOs, and legislators for their leadership in protecting endangered species. Attended by over 400 people, notable speakers included FWS Dir. Martha Williams, Sen. Cory Booker, Rep. Raul Grijalva, and Rep. Debbie Dingell. Dr. Jane Goodall, Sec. of the Interior Deb Haaland, and Rep. Don Beyer sent videos to mark the Anniversary.

ESC'S IMPACT CONTINUES TO GROW!



Map Legend

-  ESA@50 Murals
-  One to five ESC Member Groups
-  Six or more ESC Member Groups
-  One or more Endangered Species Day Events
-  States where ESC works to protect Wolves
-  States where ESC works to protect Grizzlies
-  One or more Pollinator Planting Sites
-  States where ESC works to protect Orcas
-  States that received funding from the new federal Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program

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