

# Threatened & Endangered Species Lists & Databases — Reference Guide

*Federal, State, Territorial & Tribal Sources with QR Codes*

*This guide compiles official threatened and endangered species lists from U.S. federal agencies, all 50 states and U.S. territories, and selected tribal nations. Each entry includes a direct URL and a QR code for quick mobile access. Note: species lists change as new listings occur — always check the source for the most current information. Scientific names are used in official federal listings; many state and tribal lists also include common names.*

## SECTION 1 — Federal & International Lists

### USFWS ECOS — Complete Federal T&E; Species List

FEDERAL — PRIMARY SOURCE

The official database of all species listed as Threatened or Endangered under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, maintained by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Includes both scientific and common names, listing status, and links to individual species profiles.  
<https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species-reports>



### USFWS ECOS — Ad Hoc Species Report (Common & Scientific Names)

FEDERAL — SEARCHABLE

Build a custom downloadable list of federally listed species filtered by status, taxonomic group, or state — with both common names AND scientific names. This is the best tool for generating a searchable list that includes common names.  
<https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp0/reports/ad-hoc-species-report-input>

*Tip: Select 'Common Name' and 'Scientific Name' fields in the report builder for both name types.*



### USFWS ECOS — Listed Animals (with common names)

FEDERAL — ANIMALS

A direct listing of all federally listed animal species including common names, scientific names, and listing status. Searchable and sortable.  
<https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp0/pub/listedAnimals.jsp>



### USFWS ECOS — Listed Plants (with common names)

FEDERAL — PLANTS

A direct listing of all federally listed plant species including common names and listing status.  
<https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/species-listings-by-tax-group?statusCategory=Listed&groupName;=All+Plants>



### USFWS — Endangered Species by State (Federal listings)

FEDERAL — BY STATE

Look up which federally listed T&E; species occur in each individual state, with links to state-level reports. Uses spatial range data from FWS biologists.  
<https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/species-listings-by-state-totals?statusCategory=Listed>



### USFWS — Main Endangered Species Program Page

FEDERAL

Overview of the federal Endangered Species Act program, news, recent listings and delistings, and links to recovery plans.  
<https://www.fws.gov/program/endangered-species>



## NOAA Fisheries — Threatened & Endangered Species Directory

### FEDERAL — MARINE SPECIES

NOAA manages marine and anadromous species under the ESA, including whales, sea turtles, corals, and salmon. Searchable directory with common and scientific names.

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species-directory/threatened-endangered>



## IUCN Red List of Threatened Species

### INTERNATIONAL

The world's most comprehensive inventory of threatened species globally. Covers plants, animals, and fungi worldwide. Includes common and scientific names, range maps, and conservation status (Critically Endangered, Endangered, Vulnerable, etc.).

<https://www.iucnredlist.org>



## CITES — Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species

### INTERNATIONAL

International treaty list of species protected from over-exploitation through international trade. Appendix I = most threatened; Appendix II = trade-controlled. Searchable species database.

<https://cites.org/eng/resources/species.html>



## SECTION 2 — State Threatened & Endangered Species Lists

All 50 states have federally listed species occurring within their borders (accessible via the USFWS ECOS state tool above). In addition, most states maintain their OWN state-level T&E; lists under separate state laws, which may protect additional species not on the federal list. Four states — Alabama, North Dakota, West Virginia, and Wyoming — reportedly have no comprehensive state endangered species act, though some species protections may exist under other state laws. Territories (Puerto Rico, USVI, Guam) have federal protections apply.

*Alabama — No comprehensive state Endangered Species Act. Federal USFWS listings apply.*

## Alaska — Dept. of Fish & Game, Species of Special Concern

### STATE LIST

Alaska's list of species of special concern, including state-designated threatened and endangered species. Distinct from federal listings.

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=specialstatus.main>



## Arizona — Game & Fish Dept., Wildlife of Special Concern

### STATE LIST

Arizona's list of wildlife species of special concern, including state-listed threatened and endangered species.

<https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/wildlife-conservation/wildlife-of-special-concern/>



## Arkansas — Game & Fish Commission, Threatened & Endangered Species

### STATE LIST

Arkansas state list of threatened and endangered wildlife species.

<https://agfc.com/en/wildlife-management/threatened-endangered/>



## California — Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, CESA Listed Species

### STATE LIST

California Endangered Species Act (CESA) list — one of the most extensive state lists in the nation, covering animals and plants. California often lists species before the federal government.

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/CESA>



## Colorado — Parks & Wildlife, Threatened & Endangered Species

STATE LIST

Colorado's state list of threatened and endangered wildlife species.  
<https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/SOC-ThreatenedEndangered.aspx>



## Connecticut — DEEP, Threatened & Endangered Species

STATE LIST

Connecticut's list of state-listed endangered, threatened, and special concern species — animals and plants.  
<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Endangered-Species/Endangered-Species-Listings>



## Delaware — DNREC, Endangered & Threatened Wildlife

STATE LIST

Delaware's state list of endangered and threatened wildlife.  
<https://dnrec.delaware.gov/fish-and-wildlife/endangered/>



## Florida — Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, Imperiled Species

STATE LIST

Florida's list of imperiled species — a very large list given Florida's exceptional biodiversity and high number of at-risk species.  
<https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/threatened-endangered/>



## Georgia — Dept. of Natural Resources, Rare, Threatened & Endangered Species

STATE LIST

Georgia's state list covering rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife and plant species.  
<https://gadnr.org/threatened-endangered-species>



## Hawaii — DLNR, Threatened & Endangered Species

STATE LIST

Hawaii has the highest number of endangered species per square mile of any U.S. state. DLNR maintains the state list of threatened and endangered plants and animals.  
<https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dar/science/threatened-and-endangered-species/>



## Idaho — Dept. of Fish & Game, Species of Greatest Conservation Need

STATE LIST

Idaho's list of species of greatest conservation need, including state T&E; species.  
<https://idfg.idaho.gov/species/taxa>



## Illinois — IDNR, Illinois Threatened & Endangered Species

STATE LIST

Illinois list of state-threatened and state-endangered plant and animal species.  
<https://www.inhs.illinois.edu/chf/pub/ifwis/herps/te.html>  
For comprehensive list: search 'Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board' at [illinois.gov](http://illinois.gov)



## Indiana — DNR, Endangered, Threatened & Rare Species

STATE LIST

Indiana's list of state-listed endangered, threatened, and rare species — plants and animals.  
<https://www.in.gov/dnr/nature-preserves/plant-and-animal-communities/rare-species/>



## Iowa — DNR, Threatened & Endangered Species

STATE LIST

Iowa's official list of threatened and endangered plant and animal species.  
<https://www.iowadnr.gov/Conservation/Biodiversity/Iowa-Wildlife/Threatened-and-Endangered-Species>



## Kansas — Dept. of Wildlife & Parks, Threatened & Endangered Species

STATE LIST

*Kansas state list of threatened and endangered species.*

<https://ksoutdoors.com/Wildlife/Threatened-and-Endangered-Species>



## Kentucky — Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Resources, T&E; Species

STATE LIST

*Kentucky's list of state-listed threatened and endangered wildlife.*

<https://fw.ky.gov/Wildlife/Pages/Threatened-and-Endangered-Species.aspx>



## Louisiana — Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries, Threatened & Endangered

STATE LIST

*Louisiana's state list of threatened and endangered species.*

<https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/threatened-and-endangered-species>



## Maine — Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, Listed Species

STATE LIST

*Maine's list of state-listed endangered and threatened inland fish and wildlife species (Marine species listed separately under the Maine Marine Endangered Species Act).*

<https://www.maine.gov/ifw/fish-wildlife/wildlife/endangered-threatened-species/listed-species.html>



## Maryland — DNR, Rare, Threatened & Endangered Species

STATE LIST

*Maryland's list of rare, threatened, and endangered plant and animal species.*

[https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/pages/plants\\_wildlife/rte/rte\\_index.aspx](https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/pages/plants_wildlife/rte/rte_index.aspx)



## Massachusetts — MassWildlife, Endangered, Threatened & Special Concern Species

STATE LIST

*Massachusetts' comprehensive list of state-listed endangered, threatened, and special concern species.*

<https://www.mass.gov/lists/massachusetts-list-of-endangered-threatened-and-special-concern-species>



## Michigan — DNR, Threatened & Endangered Species List

STATE LIST

*Michigan's official list of state-listed threatened and endangered plant and animal species.*

<https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/managing-resources/wildlife/wildlife-permits/threatened-endangered-species/threatened-and-endangered-species-list>



## Minnesota — DNR, Endangered, Threatened & Special Concern Species

STATE LIST

*Minnesota's list of state-listed endangered, threatened, and special concern plant and animal species.*

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/ets/index.html>



## Mississippi — Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks, Nongame & T&E; Species

STATE LIST

*Mississippi's state list of threatened and endangered nongame species.*

<https://www.mdwfp.com/wildlife-hunting/nongame-wildlife-program/threatened-endangered-species/>



## Missouri — Dept. of Conservation, Threatened & Endangered Wildlife

STATE LIST

*Missouri's list of state-listed threatened and endangered wildlife species.*

<https://mdc.mo.gov/wildlife/wildlife-species/wildlife-species-special-status>



## Montana — Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Species of Concern

STATE LIST

Montana's list of state species of concern including threatened and endangered species.  
<https://fwp.mt.gov/wildlife/species-of-concern>



## Nebraska — Game & Parks, Threatened & Endangered Species

STATE LIST

Nebraska's list of state-listed threatened and endangered species.  
<https://outdoornebraska.gov/threatened-and-endangered-species/>



## Nevada — Dept. of Wildlife, Sensitive Species

STATE LIST

Nevada's list of state-designated sensitive and protected species.  
<https://www.ndow.org/wild-nevada/care-about-wildlife/sensitive-species/>



## New Hampshire — Fish & Game, Threatened & Endangered Species

STATE LIST

New Hampshire's state list of threatened and endangered wildlife and plant species.  
<https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/nongame/threatened-and-endangered.html>



## New Jersey — Div. of Fish & Wildlife, Endangered & Threatened Species

STATE LIST

New Jersey's list of state-listed endangered and threatened species.  
<https://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/tandespp.htm>



## New Mexico — Dept. of Game & Fish, Threatened & Endangered Species

STATE LIST

New Mexico's state list of threatened and endangered wildlife species.  
<https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/threatened-and-endangered-species/>



## New York — DEC, Endangered, Threatened & Special Concern Species

STATE LIST

New York's comprehensive list — updated 2025 — of state-listed endangered, threatened, and special concern fish and wildlife species.  
<https://dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/biodiversity-species-conservation/endangered-species/list>



## North Carolina — Wildlife Resources Commission, Threatened & Endangered

STATE LIST

North Carolina's list of state-protected endangered and threatened wildlife species. Plants are listed separately by the NC Plant Conservation Board.  
<https://www.ncwildlife.org/endangered-species>  
NC Plants: <https://www.ncagr.gov/plant-industry/list-protected-plants>



North Dakota — No comprehensive state Endangered Species Act. Federal USFWS listings apply.

## Ohio — DNR Division of Wildlife, Threatened & Endangered Species

STATE LIST

Ohio's list of state-listed threatened and endangered wildlife species.  
<https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/wildlife/threatened-and-endangered>



## Oklahoma — Dept. of Wildlife Conservation, Species of Greatest Conservation Need

STATE LIST

Oklahoma's species list with state status designations.

<https://www.wildlifedepartment.com/species-of-greatest-conservation-need>



## Oregon — Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, Threatened & Endangered Species

STATE LIST

Oregon's state list of threatened and endangered wildlife, updated regularly.

<https://www.dfw.state.or.us/species/tes.asp>



## Pennsylvania — Game Commission, Threatened & Endangered Species

STATE LIST

Pennsylvania's list of state-listed threatened and endangered wildlife.

<https://www.pgc.pa.gov/Wildlife/EndangeredandThreatened/Pages/default.aspx>



## Rhode Island — DEM, Endangered & Threatened Species

STATE LIST

Rhode Island's list of state-listed endangered and threatened species.

<https://dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/fish-and-wildlife/wildlife/endangered-species>



## South Carolina — DNR, Species of Conservation Concern

STATE LIST

South Carolina's list of species of conservation concern, including state T&E species.

<https://www.dnr.sc.gov/species/index.html>



## South Dakota — Game, Fish & Parks, Species of Greatest Conservation Need

STATE LIST

South Dakota's list with state conservation status designations.

<https://gfp.sd.gov/wildlife-diversity/>



## Tennessee — Wildlife Resources Agency, Threatened & Endangered Species

STATE LIST

Tennessee's state list of threatened and endangered plant and animal species.

<https://www.tn.gov/twra/wildlife/threatened-and-endangered-species.html>



## Texas — Parks & Wildlife, Threatened & Endangered Species

STATE LIST

Texas's list of state-listed threatened and endangered species — a large and diverse list given Texas's exceptional biodiversity.

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/nature/wildlife/listed/>



## Utah — Division of Wildlife Resources, Sensitive Species

STATE LIST

Utah's list of state-sensitive and protected species.

<https://wildlife.utah.gov/species-of-greatest-conservation-need.html>



## Vermont — Fish & Wildlife Dept., Threatened & Endangered Species

STATE LIST

Vermont's list of state-listed endangered and threatened plant and animal species.

<https://vtfishandwildlife.com/conservation/threatened-and-endangered-species>



## Virginia — Dept. of Wildlife Resources, Threatened & Endangered Species

STATE LIST

Virginia's state list of threatened and endangered wildlife and plant species.  
<https://dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/threatened-and-endangered/>



## Washington — Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, Species of Concern

STATE LIST

Washington's list of state-listed endangered, threatened, and sensitive species (updated January 2026).  
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/at-risk>



*West Virginia — No comprehensive state Endangered Species Act. Federal USFWS listings apply.*

## Wisconsin — DNR Natural Heritage Inventory Working List

STATE LIST

Wisconsin's comprehensive working list of rare, threatened, and endangered species — plants, animals, and natural communities. Updated regularly.  
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/NHI/WList>



*Wyoming — No comprehensive state Endangered Species Act. Federal USFWS listings apply.*

## U.S. TERRITORIES — Federal Listings Apply

U.S. territories fall under the federal Endangered Species Act. Use the USFWS ECOS state/territory search tool (Section 1) to look up listed species for Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

## Puerto Rico — Listed Species (USFWS ECOS)

TERRITORY

Puerto Rico has one of the highest concentrations of listed species in the U.S. — use the ECOS state report to see all federally listed species occurring in Puerto Rico.  
<https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/species-listings-by-state?statusCategory=Listed&state;=PR>



## SECTION 3 — Tribal Endangered Species Lists & Programs

Many federally recognized tribes maintain their own endangered and threatened species lists, often including culturally significant species not on federal or state lists. Tribal lists reflect indigenous knowledge and sovereignty over natural resources on tribal lands. The Navajo Nation has one of the most comprehensive formal tribal T&E; programs. Note: not all tribal lists are publicly accessible online — some require direct contact with the tribe's natural resources department.

## Navajo Nation Dept. of Fish & Wildlife — Navajo Endangered Species List (NESL)

TRIBAL — FORMAL ESA PROGRAM

The Navajo Nation has its own Endangered Species Act (Tribal Code Title 17) and maintains the Navajo Endangered Species List (NESL), categorizing species as critically endangered (G2), endangered (G3), and sensitive (G4). The Navajo Natural Heritage Program (NNHP) tracks rare and protected plants and animals across Navajo lands in Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah. This is one of the most fully developed tribal T&E; programs in the United States.  
[https://www.nndfw.org/nnhp/nnhp\\_db.htm](https://www.nndfw.org/nnhp/nnhp_db.htm)  
Main NNDFW site: [nndfw.org](https://www.nndfw.org) | NESL authority: Navajo Nation Code Title 17, Section 507



## Navajo Nation Dept. of Fish & Wildlife — Main Site

TRIBAL — NAVAJO NATION

The Navajo Nation Department of Fish & Wildlife manages fish, wildlife, and plants for the spiritual, cultural, and material benefit of present and future generations of the Navajo Nation. Contact for species data requests and biological clearances.  
<https://www.nndfw.org/>



## Cherokee Nation — Natural Resources Department

TRIBAL — CULTURALLY PROTECTED

The Cherokee Nation (Oklahoma) maintains a Culturally Protected Species (CPS) list for plants of cultural significance — including river cane, heirloom crops, and traditional medicinal plants. The CPS designation focuses on cultural protection rather than formal ESA-type legal protection. The CN Seed Bank preserves culturally important plant species threatened with loss.  
<https://naturalresources.cherokee.org/>

*Cherokee Nation CPS includes river cane (Arundinaria spp.), designated as culturally endangered.*



## Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) — Natural Resources

TRIBAL — EBCI

The EBCI maintains a Wildlife Action Plan for lands in the southern Appalachians (North Carolina), with focused monitoring of ESA-listed bat species, the federally endangered Carolina northern flying squirrel, eastern hellbender, and multiple freshwater mussels.

<https://ebci.com/departments/natural-resources/>

*EBCI Wildlife Action Plan covers species of both biological and cultural significance to Cherokee people.*



## Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) — Ojibwe Tribes

TRIBAL — OJIBWE / 11 TRIBES

GLIFWC serves eleven Ojibwe (Chippewa/Anishinaabe) tribes in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan who hold treaty rights to hunt, fish, and gather in ceded territories. GLIFWC's Biological Services division monitors species of concern in treaty-ceded lands, with a strong focus on wild rice (manoomin), lake sturgeon, lake trout, gray wolf (ma'iingan), and plants of cultural significance to Ojibwe people.

<https://glifwc.org/>

*Member tribes: Bay Mills, Keweenaw Bay, Lac Vieux Desert (MI); Bad River, Red Cliff, Lac du Flambeau, Lac Courte Oreilles, Sokaogon, St. Croix (WI); Fond du Lac, Mille Lacs (MN).*



## Bureau of Indian Affairs — Tribal Endangered Species Program

FEDERAL — TRIBAL PROGRAMS

BIA administers competitive funding grants to tribes for ESA compliance and conservation of tribally significant species. Lists of tribal conservation priorities can be found through BIA regional offices. Over 525 federally listed species occur on tribal lands across the U.S.

<https://www.bia.gov/service/competitive-fisheries-wildlife-recreation-programs/endangered-species>

*Contact your BIA regional office for information on specific tribal conservation plans and species lists.*



## USFWS — Working with Tribes on Endangered Species Recovery

FEDERAL — TRIBAL RESOURCES

Overview of the federal government's tribal consultation requirements under the ESA, including links to tribal wildlife grant programs and co-management resources.

<https://www.fws.gov/node/268362>



## SECTION 4 — Useful Tools & Additional Resources

## USFWS IPaC — Information for Planning & Consultation

TOOL — LOCATION-BASED SEARCH

Enter any location on a map to get an official list of federally listed T&E; species that may occur in that area. Extremely useful for finding species by location rather than by state.

<https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>



## NatureServe Explorer — Species Data by State & County

TOOL — GLOBAL STATUS RANKS

NatureServe tracks conservation status of plants, animals, and ecosystems across the Western Hemisphere, using G-ranks (global) and S-ranks (state). Includes many species not yet formally listed under state or federal ESA. Searchable by common name, scientific name, state, or county.

<https://explorer.natureserve.org/>



## Center for Biological Diversity — T&E; Species Map by County

TOOL — INTERACTIVE MAP

An interactive map showing federally listed T&E; species by county across the United States. Useful for visualizing which counties have the most listed species.

[https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/programs/population\\_and\\_sustainability/T\\_and\\_E\\_map/](https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/programs/population_and_sustainability/T_and_E_map/)



## Animal Legal & Historical Center — State Endangered Species Laws Chart

REFERENCE — ALL 50 STATES

A comprehensive chart comparing all 50 states' endangered species laws, listing criteria, state agency contacts, and links to state lists. Notes which states have no state ESA.

<https://www.animallaw.info/article/state-endangered-species-chart>



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Free wildlife & plant photo resources: [phas-wsd.org/wp-content/uploads/Claude.wildlife.plant3\\_image\\_resources-3.pdf](https://phas-wsd.org/wp-content/uploads/Claude.wildlife.plant3_image_resources-3.pdf)