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Beginner's Guide to the Endangered Species Home Page
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Information Items in our Web Site Include:

- the U.S. List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants, updated monthly
- species accounts and images
- proposed and candidate species information
- the "Boxscore," a count of endangered species listings and recovery plans by species group
- maps
- the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended through the 100th Congress
- policies
- state counts and lists
- frequently asked questions
- contact information
- recovery activities
- the *Endangered Species Bulletin*
- a gallery of ecosystem photos
- links to other sources of information
- "Endangered Means There's Still Time" slide show a Kids' Corner, featuring resource lists, activities, and a teacher's guide

Can I Find Information About Individual Species?

Yes. For each species on the U.S. List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (a.k.a. the List), a separate species profile is available that gives information about range, date of listing, critical habitat, special rules, Federal Register citations, and

How Should I Begin?

The best way to learn more about this new electronic library of endangered species information is to check it out yourself. From the comfort of your own computer or at an Internet seat at a public library, simply use your own Internet browser and type <http://www.fws.gov> at the Document Location prompt. This will bring you to the Fish and Wildlife Service's general information and welcome page. Click on *Endangered Species* in the table. You will be taken to the Endangered Species Home Page.

Can I See the List of Endangered and Threatened Species?

Yes. From the Endangered Species Home page, select *Listed Species Indexes & Counts* under the *Species Information* section. Then choose from the categories: *vertebrate animals* (mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fishes); *invertebrate animals* (clams, snails, insects, arachnids, and crustaceans); *non-flowering plants*; or *flowering plants*; or by *Fish and Wildlife Service Regions* (Southeast, Pacific, Southwest, Great Lakes, etc.).

For example, perhaps you are looking for information on the bald eagle, our national bird. Select *Listed Species Indexes & Counts*, then choose *Index - Vertebrate Animals*, then click on *Birds*. You will be given an alphabetical listing of birds on the U.S. list. This list indicates the lead Fish Wildlife Service region; what the species' Federal status is ("E" for endangered, "T" for threatened, "XN" for nonessential experimental population, "E [or T](S/A)" for similarity of appearance to a listed species, and "XE" for an essential experimental population); the species' common name; and its scientific name. You will find information on the bald eagle under *Eagle, bald*. If you click on the scientific name, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*, in this example, a profile of the listing of the bald eagle will be displayed, which includes when it was listed, whether

there is a recovery plan for this species, where the species is likely to be found (state and other countries), and other information. Some species, such as the bald eagle, also have an asterisk (*) before the scientific name. If you click on the *, you will be taken to what we call the "hub file" for the species. This file links to other sites with materials on this particular species, such as fact pages, recovery plans, press releases, state web sites, etc.

Can I Print the List?

Yes. You can print the list as it appears on your screen (type will likely be very small), or you can view and print the entire List in exactly the same format (PDF) as it appears in the official edition published by the Government Printing Office.

The print the List or get the file in PDF format, go the Endangered species Home Page, then scroll down and click on *The List & Database Files for Download* under the *Species Information* section. Because the List is large, it is divided into *Animals, Plants, and Delisted* species. The first grouping is to download, view, and print the file in PDF format. The second group is for printing or downloading the List in ASCII text format.

Looking at the List in PDF Format

To view and print these files as they appear on the official Government Printing Office publication, you will need to download *Acrobat Reader* software, which is available free via this web page. To get *Acrobat Reader*, click on *Adobe, Inc.* and follow the instructions.

Please remember, when downloading the file to your computer, make sure when naming your document that you give it the PDF extension.

Can I Search for a Species?

If you want to go quickly to a specific species, there is a search capability for this web page. From the Endangered Species Home Page, select *Wildlife and Plants* from the left column. Enter either the common or scientific name. Click *Search*. A list of matching records will be provided. Click in the *htmlLink* column on the one that most closely resembles your request.

You will be taken to the file about that particular species. A picture will be shown if one is available. Links to other Internet sources that described the species will also be provided, if available.

How Many Species Are in My State and Which Ones?

From our home page, you can also find out how many federally-listed species are in your state. To see a map with a total by state, select *State Maps*, under the *Wildlife and Plants* section. To see which species are in a particular state, select *State List*.

Reports and Recovery Plans

You can also use the Fish and Wildlife Reference Service (FWRS) to request, for a nominal fee, copies of reports produced by state fish and wildlife agencies. These reports are the results of research studies supported by Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act and Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act funding. FWRS also provides access to reports reproduced by the Anadromous Fish Conservation Program, the Endangered Species Grant Program, and the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit. Go to:

[Http://www.nctc.fws.gov/library/pubs3](http://www.nctc.fws.gov/library/pubs3)

Please note that endangered species recovery plans are available at:

[Http://endangered/fws/recovery/recplans/index.html](http://endangered/fws/recovery/recplans/index.html)

Information for Kids and Teachers

Here you can find some games, puzzles, *Endangered Means There's Still Time* slide show, and other information. Click on *Kids Corner* to check out all the options.

Still Confused?

Still looking for specific information which you can't find? Send us an e-mail message. Our Internet E-mail address is:

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