



In 1973 Congress passed a law called the *Endangered Species Act*. The purpose of this law is:

- to identify animals and plants that are in trouble; and
- to protect these animals and plants and their habitats.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service keeps a list of animals and plants that are protected by the Endangered Species Act.

There are over 1,267 animals and plants from the United States on the list of endangered and threatened species:

- An *endangered species* is in danger of extinction throughout the area in which they are usually found.
- A *threatened species* is one that could become endangered in the near future.

# Federally Endangered, Threatened and Candidate Species in Wisconsin

## MAMMALS

Canada lynx (T)  
Gray wolf (E)

## BIRDS

Kirtland's warbler (E)  
Piping plover (E) - critical habitat designated  
Whooping crane - Non-essential experimental population

## REPTILE

Eastern massasauga rattlesnake (C)

## INSECTS

Hine's emerald dragonfly (E)  
Karner blue butterfly (E)

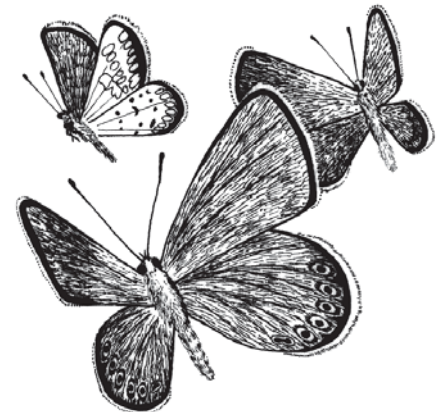
## CLAMS (Freshwater mussels, Unionids)

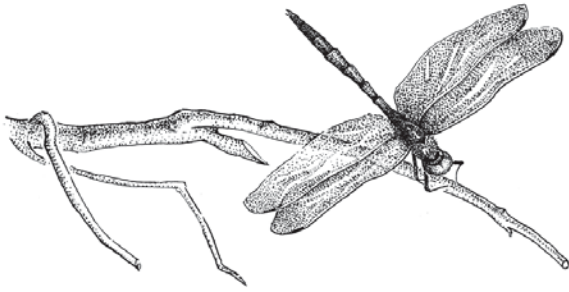
Higgins' eye pearlymussel (E)  
Sheepnose mussel (C)  
Spectaclecase mussel (C)  
Winged mapleleaf mussel (E)

## PLANTS

Dwarf lake iris (T)  
Eastern prairie fringed orchid (T)  
Fassett's locoweed (T)  
Mead's milkweed (T)  
Northern wild monkshood (T)  
Pitcher's thistle (T)  
Prairie bush-clover (T)

E = Endangered  
T = Threatened  
C = Candidate





## The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The mission of the *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service* is to preserve, protect, and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the people.

*Region 3* of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service covers an eight-state area: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

Region 3's *Ecological Services* Program works to protect and enhance wetland and upland habitats, study the effects of contaminants on fish and wildlife, inventory and map wetlands, and protect and restore endangered species.

The *Division of Endangered Species* in Region 3 works with other Federal agencies, state agencies, and private groups and landowners to:

- help prevent animals and plants within the eight states of Region 3 from becoming extinct;
- help protect habitats important to these species; and
- help bring populations of animals and plants to the point where they are no longer threatened or endangered.

For more information about animals and plants protected by Federal law, call or write to:

Division of Endangered Species  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building  
1 Federal Drive  
Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056  
612/713-5350

In Wisconsin:  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
2661 Scott Tower Drive  
New Franken, WI 54229  
920-866-1727

Most states, including Wisconsin, have their own programs to protect locally endangered animals and plants.

For information about animals and plants protected by Wisconsin law, write to:

Department of Natural Resources  
Box 7921  
Madison, Wisconsin 53707  
608/266-2121

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 3



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