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The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Region 3 Resource Conservation Priorities, 2002, identify the species considered to be in the greatest need of attention under the Service's full span of authorities, including the conservation, protection, and recovery of migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, inter-jurisdictional fish, and control of nuisance species. The species shown below are priorities for the Mississippi Headwaters/Tallgrass Prairie Ecosystem, which contains Rice Lake and Mille Lacs NWRs.

The Minnesota's 2006 Comprehensive Conservation Strategy identified species with the greatest conservation need in the Mille Lacs Uplands, St. Louis Moraines, and Tamarack Lowlands subsections, which contain Rice Lake and Mille Lakes NWRs (Figure 6).

The species in the following table are a subset of the two lists that are expected to benefit from Refuge management.

Common Name	Status Classification	Concerns	RCP	SGCN*
MAMMALS				
American Badger				M
Canada Lynx	Federal Endangered/ State Special Concern			M, S
Eastern Spotted Skunk	State Threatened			M, S, T
Franklin's Ground Squirrel				M, S, T
Gray Wolf	State Special Concern	Recovering Species, Tribal trust	x	M, S, T
Least Weasel	State Special Concern			M
Northern Bog Lemming	State Special Concern			S
BIRDS				
American Avocet				M
American Bittern		Rare/declining	x	M, S, T
American Black Duck				S, T
American Golden-plover				M, S, T
American Woodcock		Recreational/economic value, Rare/declining	x	M, S, T
Bald Eagle	Federal Threatened/State Special Concern	Proposed Rule (Delist from ESA), Tribal trust	x	M, S, T
Black Tern		Rare/declining	x	M, S, T
Black-backed Woodpecker				M, S, T
Black-billed Cuckoo		Rare/declining	x	M, S, T
Black-crowned Night-Heron		Rare/declining	x	
Blue-winged Teal		Recreational/economic value	x	
Bobolink		Rare/declining	x	M
Boreal Chickadee				S, T
Brown Thrasher				M, S, T
Buff-breasted Sandpiper		Rare/declining	x	M, S, T
Canada Goose – Migrant Populations		Recreational/economic value	x	
Canada Goose – Resident Population (Giants & Urban Giants)		Recreational/economic value, "Nuisance"	x	

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Canada Warbler		Rare/declining	x	M, S, T
Canvasback		Recreational/economic value	x	
Cape May Warbler				M, T
Cerulean Warbler	State Special Concern			M
Common Loon		Rare/declining	x	M, S, T
Common Nighthawk				M, S, T
Common Tern – Great Lakes Population	State Threatened	Rare/declining	x	M
Connecticut Warbler		Rare/declining	x	M, S, T
Dickcissel		Rare/declining	x	
Double-crested Cormorant		“Nuisance”	x	
Dunlin				M, S, T
Eastern Meadowlark		Rare/declining	x	M
Eastern Wood-pewee				M, S, T
Field Sparrow		Rare/declining	x	M
Forster’s Tern	State Special Concern	Rare/declining	x	M
Golden-winged Warbler		Rare/declining	x	M, S, T
Grasshopper Sparrow		Rare/declining	x	M
Greater Yellowlegs		Rare/declining	x	M, S, T
Henslow’s Sparrow		Rare/declining	x	
Hudsonian Godwit		Rare/declining	x	M
Least Bittern		Rare/declining	x	M
Least Flycatcher				M, S, T
LeConte's Sparrow		Rare/declining	x	M, S, T
Lesser Scaup		Recreational/economic value, Rare/declining	x	
Long-eared Owl		Rare/declining	x	
Mallard		Recreational/economic value	x	
Marbled Godwit	State Special Concern	Rare/declining	x	
Marsh Wren				M, S, T
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	State Special Concern	Rare/declining	x	M, S
Northern Flicker		Rare/declining	x	
Northern Goshawk		Rare/declining	x	M, S, T
Northern Harrier		Rare/declining	x	M, S, T
Northern Pintail		Recreational/economic value, Rare/declining	x	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				M, S, T
Olive-sided Flycatcher		Rare/declining	x	M, S, T
Orchard Oriole		Rare/declining	x	
Ovenbird				M, S, T
Peregrine Falcon	State Threatened	Rare/declining, ESA Delisted, Recreational/economic value	x	
Red-headed Woodpecker		Rare/declining	x	M, S, T

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Red-necked Grebe				M, S, T
Red-shouldered Hawk	State Special Concern	Rare/declining	x	M, S
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				M, S, T
Ruddy Turnstone				M, S
Sedge Wren		Rare/declining	x	M, S, T
Semipalmated Sandpiper				M, S, T
Sharp-tailed Grouse				M
Short-billed Dowitcher		Rare/declining	x	M, S, T
Short-eared Owl		Rare/declining	x	T
Snow Goose		Recreational/economic value, "Nuisance"	x	
Stilt Sandpiper		Rare/declining	x	
Swamp Sparrow				M, S, T
Trumpeter Swan	State Threatened	Rare/declining, Recreational/ economic value	x	M, S, T
Upland Sandpiper		Rare/declining	x	M
Veery				M, S, T
Virginia Rail				M, S, T
Western Meadowlark		Rare/declining	x	
Whimbrel		Rare/declining	x	M, S
Whip-poor-will		Rare/declining	x	M, S, T
White-rumped Sandpiper				M, S
White-throated Sparrow				M, S, T
Willow Flycatcher				M
Wilson's Phalarope	State Threatened	Rare/declining	x	T
Winter Wren				M, S, T
Wood Duck		Recreational/economic value	x	
Wood Thrush		Rare/declining	x	M, S, T
Yellow Rail	State Special Concern	Rare/declining	x	M, S, T
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				M, S, T
REPTILES and AMPHIBIANS				
Blanding's Turtle	State Threatened			M
Common Mudpuppy				M
Common Snapping Turtle	State Special Concern			M, S, T
Eastern Hognose Snake				M
Eastern Red-backed Salamander				S, T
Four-toed Salamander	State Special Concern			S
Spotted Salamander				M
Wood Turtle	State Threatened			M, T
FISH				
Gilt Darter	State Special Concern			M
Greater Redhorse				M, T

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Lake Sturgeon – Inland population	State Special Concern	Rare/declining, Recreational/ economic value, Tribal trust	x	M, S, T
Largescale Stoneroller				M
Least Darter				M
Longear Sunfish				M
Northern Brook Lamprey	State Special Concern			M
Pugnose Shiner	State Special Concern			M
Southern Brook Lamprey	State Special Concern			M
INSECTS and SPIDERS				
A Caddisfly (6 species)	State Special Concern			M, S
A Jumping Spider (2 species)	State Special Concern			M, S, T
A Tiger Beetle	State Special Concern			M
Bog Copper				M, S, T
Disa Alpine	State Special Concern			T
Green-faced Clubtail				M
Grizzled Skipper	State Special Concern			S, T
Leonard's Skipper	State Special Concern			M
Macoun's Arctic				M, S, T
Persius Duskywing	State Endangered			M
Polycentropus milaca (caddisfly)	State Special Concern			S
Pygmy Snaketail				M
Skillet Clubtail				M
St. Croix Snaketail	State Special Concern			M
Tawny Crescent				M, S, T
Two-spotted Skipper				M
Vertrees's Ceracleon Caddisfly	State Special Concern			M
MOLLUSKS				
Black Sandshell	State Special Concern	Rare/declining (range overlaps commercial harvested areas)	x	M, S, T
Creek Heelsplitter	State Special Concern			M, S, T
Elktoe	State Threatened	Rare/declining (range overlaps commercial harvested areas)	x	M
Hickorynut	State Special Concern			M
Mucket Mussel	State Threatened			M
Purple Wartback	State Threatened			M
Round Pigtoe	State Threatened	Rare/declining (range overlaps commercial harvested areas)	x	M
Snail (4 species)		Rare/declining (status assessment underway)	x	
Spectaclecase	State Threatened			M
Spike	State Special Concern			M
Threeridge		Recreational/economic value	x	
Zebra Mussel		"Nuisance"	x	

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CRUSTACEANS				
Rusty Crayfish		"Nuisance"	x	
*Species with the greatest conservation need (SGCN) subsections: M, Mille Lacs Uplands S, St. Louis Moraines T, Tamarack Lowlands				

