



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 950 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 and Threatened Species in Ohio

MAMMALS

- Indiana bat (E)
- Northern long-eared bat (T)

BIRDS

- Kirtland’s warbler (E) - - during migration
- Piping plover - (E and CH)
- Red knot - (T)
- Whooping crane - (NEP)

REPTILES

- Copperbelly water snake (T)
- Eastern massasauga (T)
- Lake Erie water snake (Delisted)

FISH

- Scioto madtom (E)

CLAMS (Freshwater Mussels)

- Clubshell (E)
- Fanshell (E)
- Northern riffleshell (E)
- Pink mucket (E)
- Purple cat’s paw (E)
- Rabbitsfoot (T and CH)
- Rayed Bean (E)
- Sheepnose (E)
- Snuffbox (E)
- White cat’s paw (E)

PLANTS

- Eastern prairie fringed orchid (T)
- Lakeside daisy (T)
- Northern wild monkshood (T)
- Running buffalo clover (E)
- Small whorled pogonia (T)
- Virginia spiraea (T)

INSECTS

- American burying beetle (E)
- Karner blue butterfly (E)
- Mitchell’s satyr butterfly (E)
- Rusty patched bumble bee (E)

- E - Endangered
- T - Threatened
- CH - Critical Habitat
- NEP - Nonessential Experimental Population



Small whorled pogonia



Karner blue butterfly

Photo by USFWS; Joel Trick

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
5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990
Bloomington, Minnesota 55437-1458
612/713-5350

In Ohio:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
4625 Morse Road, Suite 104
Columbus, OH 43230
614-416-8993

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

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

Department of Natural Resources
Fountain Square, Building D-3
Columbus, Ohio 43224
614/265-6877



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