



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, Threatened, Proposed, and Candidate Species in Illinois

MAMMALS

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

BIRDS

- Least tern - Interior population (E)
- Piping plover (E and CH)
- Red knot (T)
- Whooping crane (Nonessential Experimental Population)

REPTILE

- Eastern massasauga (T)

FISHES

- Pallid sturgeon (E)

CLAMS (Freshwater mussels)

- Clubshell (E)
- Fanshell (E)
- Fat pocketbook (E)
- Higgins' eye pearl mussel (E)
- Orange-foot pimpleback (E)
- Pink mucket pearl mussel (E)
- Rabbitsfoot (T and CH)
- Scaleshell (E)
- Sheepnose (E)
- Snuffbox (E)
- Spectaclecase (E)

SNAILS

- Iowa Pleistocene snail (E)

INSECTS

- Hine's emerald dragonfly (E and CH)
- Karner blue butterfly (E)
- Rattlesnake-master borer moth (C)
- Rusty patched bumble bee (E)

- E - Endangered
- T - Threatened
- CH - Critical Habitat
- C - Candidate

CRUSTACEANS

- Illinois cave amphipod (E)

PLANTS

- Decurrent false aster (T)
- Eastern prairie fringed orchid (T)
- Lakeside daisy (T)
- Leafy prairie-clover (E)
- Mead's milkweed (T)
- Pitcher's thistle (T)
- Prairie bush-clover (T)
- Price's potato-bean (T)
- Small whorled pogonia (T)



Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid
Photo by USFWS; Joseph Haas



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 Illinois:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Rural Route 3, Box 328
Marion, Illinois 62959
618-997-5491

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1511 47th Avenue
Moline, Illinois 61265
309-757-5800

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
230 South Dearborn St., Suite 2938
Chicago, Illinois 60604
312-216-4720

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

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

Department of Conservation
Lincoln Tower Plaza
524 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701-1787
217/782-6302



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