



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 and Threatened Species in Wisconsin

MAMMALS

- Canada lynx (T)
- Gray wolf (E)
- Northern long-eared bat (T)

BIRDS

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

REPTILE

- Eastern massasauga rattlesnake (T)

INSECTS

- Hine’s emerald dragonfly (E)
- Karner blue butterfly (E)
- Poweshiek skipperling (E and CH)
- Rusty patched bumble bee (E)

CLAMS (Freshwater mussels, Unionids)

- Higgins’ eye pearlymussel (E)
- Sheepnose mussel (E)
- Snuffbox (E)
- Spectaclecase mussel (E)
- 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
- NEP - Nonessential
 Experimental Populatiion
- CH - Critical Habitat



Karner blue butterfly
Photo by USFWS; Joel Trick



Whooping Crane

Photo by Allen Claybon

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 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



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