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In September 1999, in response to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), Region 3 published a document entitled Fish and wildlife resource Conservation Priorities, Region 3 (RCPs). The RCP document contains 182 species considered to be in the greatest need of attention under the Service's full span of authorities. The strategies identified in the document will contribute to the conservation, protection and recovery of migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, and interjurisdictional fish as well as the habits on which they depend, thus fulfilling the Service's mission. Benefits of identifying RCPs include:

- Assisting employees in prioritizing workloads and opportunities.
- Focusing application of the Service's many fish and wildlife conservation tools.
- Identifying research priorities and training needs.
- Preparation of Refuge comprehensive conservation plans and ecosystem plans.
- Developing budgets.

Consideration of RCPs in day-to-day activities will lead to protection, enhancement, and restoration of the most important Regional resources through the efficient and wise application of the Service's people and funding.

Regional Conservation Priority (RCP) Species Likely to Occur in the Vicinity of the Illinois River Refuges

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	FEDERAL STATUS/ INTEREST
BIRDS		
Double-crested Cormorant	Phalacrocorax auritus	
American Bittern	Botaurus lentiginosus	Rare/declining
Least Bittern	Ixobrychus exilis	Rare/declining
Canada Goose - Giant Population	Branta canadensis	
Canada Goose - Urban Giants	Branta canadensis	
Trumpeter Swan	Cygnus buccinator	Rare/declining
Wood Duck	Aix sponsa	
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	
Blue-winged Teal	Anas discors	
Canvasback	Aythya valisineria	
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Threatened
Northern Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis	Rare/declining
Red-shouldered Hawk	Buteo lineatus	Rare/declining
American Woodcock	Scolopax minor	Rare/declining
Least Tern - Interior Population	Sterna antillarum	Endangered
Black Tern	Chlidonias niger	Rare/declining
Loggerhead Shrike	Lanius ludovicianus	Rare/declining
Wood Thrush	Hylocichla mustelina	Rare/declining
Cerulean Warbler	Dendroica cerulea	Rare/declining
Grasshopper Sparrow	Ammodramus savannarum	Rare/declining
Dickcissel	Spiza americana	Rare/declining
Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	Rare/declining
Eastern Meadowlark	Sturnella magna	Rare/declining
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinis anatum	Endangered
Common Loon	Gavia immer	Rare/declining
Lesser Scaup	Aythya affinis	Rare/declining
Northern Harrier	Circus cyaneus	Rare/declining
Upland Sandpiper	Bartramia longicauda	Rare/declining
Red-headed Woodpecker	Melanerpes erythrocephalus	Rare/declining
Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus	Rare/declining
Bell's Vireo	Vireo bellii	Rare/declining
Blue-winged Warbler	Vermivora pinus	Rare/declining
Field Sparrow	Spizella pusilla	Rare/declining
King Rail	Rallus elegans	Rare/declining
Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	Rare/declining
Greater Yellowlegs	Tringa flavipes	Rare/declining
Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus	Rare/declining
Hudsonian Godwit	Limosa haemastica	Rare/declining
Marbled Godwit	Limosa fedoa	Rare/declining
Stilt Sandpiper	Calidris himantopus	Rare/declining
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Trygites subruficollis	Rare/declining
Short-billed Dowitcher	Limnodromus griseus	Rare/declining
Wilson'S Phalarope	Phalaropus tricolor	Rare/declining
Forster's Tern	Sterna forsteri	Rare/declining

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Black-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus erythrophthalmus	Rare/declining
Whip-poor-will	Caprimulgus vociferus	Rare/declining
Acadian Flycatcher	Empidonax virescens	Rare/declining
Prothonotary Warbler	Protonotaria citrea	Rare/declining
Louisiana Waterthrush	Seiurus motacilla	Rare/declining
Canada Warbler	Wilsonia canadensis	Rare/declining
Le Conte's Sparrow	Ammodramus leconteii	Rare/declining
Western Meadowlark	Sturnella neglecta	Rare/declining
Rusty Blackbird	Euphagus carolinus	Rare/declining
Orchard Oriole	Icterus spurius	Rare/declining

FISH

Lake sturgeon - Inland population	Acipenser fulvescens	Rare/declining
Pallid sturgeon	Scaphirhynchus albus	Endangered
Shovelnose sturgeon	Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus	
Paddlefish	Polyodon spathula	Rare/declining
Plains minnow	Hybognathus placitus	Rare/declining
Blue sucker	Cycleptus elongatus	Rare/declining
Flathead chub	Hybopsis gracilis	Rare/declining
Bighead carp	Hypophthalmichthys nobilis	
Grass carp	Ctenopharyngodon idella	

MUSSELS

Black sandshell	Ligumia recta	Rare/declining
Elktoe	Alasmidonta marginata	Rare/declining
Fat pocketbook	Potamilus capax	Endangered
Higgins' eye pearlymussel	Lampsilis higginsii	Endangered
Mapleleaf	Quadrula quadrula	
Monkeyface	Quadrula metanevra	Rare/declining
Pimpleback	Quadrula metanevra	
Rock pocketbook	Arcidens confragosus	Rare/declining
Round pigtoe	Pleurobema coccineum	Rare/declining
Salamander mussel	Simpsonaias ambigua	Rare/declining
Scaleshell mussel	Leptodea leptodon	
Sheepnose	Plethobasus cyphyus	Rare/declining
Slippershell	Alasmidonta viridis	Rare/declining
Snuffbox	Epioblasma triquetra	Rare/declining
Spectaclecase	Cumberlandia mondonga	Rare/declining
Threeridge	Amblema plicata	
Pistolgrip	Tritogonia verrucosa	Rare/declining
Washboard	Megaloniais nervosa	
Asiatic clam	Corbicula fluminea	
Zebra mussel	Dreissena polymorpha	

PLANTS

Decurrent false aster	Boltonia decurrens	Threatened
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