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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Begins Commemoration of 40th Anniversary of the Endangered Species Act

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will honor the 40th Anniversary of the Endangered Species Act with a year-long commemoration of the Act that has been so successful in stabilizing populations of species at risk, preventing the extinction of many others and conserving the habitats upon which they depend.

The bald eagle, brown pelican, Lake Erie watersnake, American alligator and Maguire daisy are all species that were on the brink of extinction, but have successfully rebounded. The wood stork, Kirtland's warbler, Okaloosa darter, black-footed ferret and Louisiana black bear are also listed species that are showing significant progress towards recovery. These species are just a few examples of those benefiting from the protections afforded by the Endangered Species Act and the dedicated people who work to ensure their continued existence.

The Service launched a dedicated web site spotlighting the history and accomplishments of efforts to protect and recover America's threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act, found at www.fws.gov/Endangered/ESA40/index.html.

Throughout this year leading up to the 40th anniversary on December 28, 2013, the Service will celebrate stories of conservation success in every state across the country, provide information on the milestones of this historical law, share images and videos, and provide opportunities for families to participate in free, educational activities together.

To connect with the Endangered Species Program throughout the year via social media, please join us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Flickr](#) and [YouTube](#).

America's fish, wildlife and plant resources belong to all of us, and ensuring the health of imperiled species is a shared responsibility. Learn more about the Service's Endangered Species program, and explore what endangered species are near you, please visit www.fws.gov/Endangered.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.gov.