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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT ADDS TO ITS ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST

The Department of the Interior added documentation today to what wild animals already have realized--the environment is deteriorating. The Department announced that 3 more mammals, 8 more birds, and 11 more fish are now threatened with extinction in the United States.

These latest additions bring the Department's endangered species list to a record total of 101 forms of animals--14 mammals, 50 birds, 7 reptiles and amphibians, and 30 fish.

"Environmental pollution and destruction of habitat continue to threaten the existence of too many of our native wildlife," Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel said.

He said that Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife is attempting to save these threatened animals. BSWF operates the national wildlife refuge system and several wildlife research centers, as well as a national system of fish hatcheries.

The revisions announced today come after continuing discussions with State fish and game agencies, universities and individual scientists concerning the status of species.

Several species now being added to the domestic list are birds of the Hawaiian Islands, where habitat is being lost at a rapidly accelerating rate. Among the fish are some of the endemic desert fish of the Death Valley region being threatened by loss of habitat.

The Interior Department is preparing a separate list of species believed to be threatened with worldwide extinction. This list will be released in the near future.

The additions to the domestic list follow:

Additions

Mammals:

Hawaiian hoary bat
Morro Bay kangaroo rat
Salt marsh harvest mouse

Lasiurus cinereus semotus
Dipodomys heermanni morroensis
Reithrodontomys raviventris

Birds:

Brown pelican
Arctic peregrine falcon
California clapper rail
Large Kauai thrush
Molokai thrush
Hawaii akepa
Maui akepa
Oahu creeper

Pelecanus occidentalis
Falco peregrinus tundrius
Rallus longirostris obsoletus
Phaeornis obscurus myadestina
Phaeornis obscurus rutha
Loxops coccinea coccinea
Loxops coccinea ochraceu
Loxops maculata maculata

Fish:

Lahontan cutthroat trout
Mohave chub
Pahranagat bonytail
Woundfin
Kendall Warm Springs dace
Tecopa pupfish
Warm Springs pupfish
Pecos gambusia
Unarmored threespine stickleback
Fountain darter
Watercress darter

Salmo clarki henshawi
Siphateles mohavensis
Gila robusta jordani
Plagopherus argentissimus
Rhinichthys osculus thermalis
Cyprinodon nevadensis calidae
Cyprinodon nevadensis pectoralis
Gambusia nobolis
Gasterosterus aculeatus williamsoni
Etheostoma fonticola
Etheostoma nuchale

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