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BOOKLET PUBLISHED ON THREATENED WILDLIFE

The Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service announced publication today of an updated compilation of information about threatened wildlife species in the United States.

The 289-page Threatened Wildlife in the United States, 1973 Edition, is available for \$3, plus 35 cents for postage, from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Included in the data pages are the species currently listed by the Secretary of the Interior as "endangered." This official list is published in the Federal Register, and appears as an appendix in the new publication. In addition, the booklet has data pages on many species that are believed to be in trouble, but not yet in danger of extinction.

The purpose of this booklet, as pointed out in the introduction, is "to stimulate interest, to impart knowledge, and to solicit information about threatened wildlife."

The Fish and Wildlife Service published a similar compilation in 1966, which became widely known in wildlife circles as "the red-book" from its red cover.