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## New Jersey Species Being Evaluated for Possible Listing under the Endangered Species Act

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**Listing Actions:** For species that are the subject of a petition, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) will ultimately issue findings (*i.e.*, determinations if listing is warranted). A prioritized 7-year schedule for issuing findings, and for taking listing actions on other species being evaluated for possible listing, is detailed in the Service's Listing Workplan, available at:

<https://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/listing-workplan.html>.

For more information on the listing process, see the attached fact sheet and visit:

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/listing-overview.html>.

**12-Month Findings:** The Service has received petitions to list the following species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). For each of these species, the Service has issued a positive "90-day" finding, which is our determination that substantial information exists in the petition and our files indicating that listing may be warranted. The next step will be a status review for each species, followed by a "12-month" finding, according to the schedule given in the Listing Workplan.

Golden-winged warbler ( <i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i> )	Tricolored bat ( <i>Perimyotis subflavus</i> )
Spotted turtle ( <i>Clemmys guttata</i> )	Green floater ( <i>Lasmigona subviridis</i> )
Red-bellied turtle (Northern red bellied cooter) ( <i>Pseudemys rubriventris</i> )	Regal fritillary ( <i>Speyeria idalia</i> )
Wood turtle ( <i>Glyptemys insculpta</i> )	Clubtail dragonfly (Septima's clubtail) ( <i>Gomphus septima</i> )
	Morse's little plain brown sedge (caddisfly) ( <i>Lepidostoma morsei</i> )
	Boykin's lobelia ( <i>Lobelia boykinii</i> )

**Discretionary Status Reviews:** In addition to the petitioned actions listed above, the Service is evaluating the following species to determine if listing under the ESA is warranted. These species are also included in the 7-year Workplan.

- Little brown bat (*Myotis lucifugus*)
- Salt marsh sparrow (*Ammodramus caudacutus*)
- Frosted elfin (*Callophrys irus*)
- Eastern beard grass [arogos] skipper (*Atrytone arogos arogos*)
- Appalachian grizzled skipper (*Pyrgus wyandot*)

**Protections and Planning:** None of the above-listed species currently receive any substantive or procedural protection under the ESA, and the Service has not yet determined if listing any of these species is warranted. However, Federal action agencies and other project proponents should be aware that these species are being evaluated for possible listing. Particularly for projects with long planning horizons and/or long operational lives, proponents may wish to include these species in field surveys and/or impact assessments.

### Candidate Species Whose Range Includes New Jersey

Candidates are species that appear to warrant listing, but listing is currently precluded by higher priority actions. Although these species receive no substantive or procedural protection under the Endangered Species Act, Federal agencies and others are encouraged to consider these species in environmental planning.

- Monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus plexippus*)