

Guidelines for how long an animal survey in Virginia is valid

If a survey, however old, has a positive species occurrence, further coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be required. This list provides a general guideline for how long a negative survey (a survey where no listed species was found) remains valid. These timeframes provide general recommendations; site-specific circumstances may require that these general guidelines be modified. Surveys for listed species not on this list are dealt with on a case-by-case basis and should be coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and either the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (for non-insects) or the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (for insects).

<u>Taxon/Species</u>	<u># of years a negative survey is valid</u>
All Listed Bats	5*
All Listed Fish	2
All Listed Isopods	3
All Listed Mussels	2
Shenandoah salamander (<i>Plethodon shenandoah</i>)	3

* - Provided that survey was completed using the [Range-Wide Indiana Bat Survey Guidelines dated April 2018](#). A survey completed using previous guidelines remains valid for 3 years.

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