

ENDANGERED SPECIES PATCH



Calling all Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors! Help to protect wildlife and the environment. Learn about the Endangered Species Act, established in 1973, which protects the endangered species that live in your local habitats such as the Smith's Blue Butterfly, California Ridgway's Rail, and the Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse (pictured below).



Visit the following website to learn more about earning the Patch:

<https://www.gscnc.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gscnc/documents/Kits%20and%20Patches/ESApatch16june.pdf>

Learn about local endangered species at this website:

<https://www.fws.gov/endangered/>

Steps

1. Learn about endangered and threatened species and the Endangered Species Act (ESA)
2. Investigate two endangered species: locally, regionally, or globally
3. Make a creative project inspired by endangered species
4. Visit a local environment organization in your area when it is safe to do so
5. Present what you learned about endangered species to your troop virtually!

Purpose

When I have earned this patch, I will have an understanding of endangered species, their habitat, and the process of protecting them through the Endangered Species Act.

The National Wildlife Refuge System is the world's largest collection of lands specifically managed for fish and wildlife conservation. One of the goals of the National Wildlife Refuge System is to *conserve a diversity of fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats, including species that are endangered or threatened with becoming endangered.*



Photo Credit: California Ridgway's Rail by photographer Morris Finkelstein

Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse by USFWS

Smith's Blue Butterfly by Diane Kodama USFWS



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