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New Jersey's Endangered and Threatened Wildlife

The lists of New Jersey's endangered and threatened wildlife species are maintained by the Division of Fish and Wildlife's Endangered and Nongame Species Program (ENSP). These lists are used to determine protection and management actions necessary to ensure the survival of the state's endangered, threatened and other nongame wildlife. See the Species Status Assessment page for information on the listing process.

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To report a sighting of endangered or threatened wildlife, use the Rare Wildlife Sighting Report Form.

Endangered Species are those whose prospects for survival in New Jersey are in immediate danger because of a loss or change in habitat, over-exploitation, predation, competition, disease, disturbance or contamination. Assistance is needed to prevent future extinction in New Jersey.

Threatened Species are those who may become endangered if conditions surrounding them begin to or continue to deteriorate.

There are other classifications for wildlife as well, including Stable, Species of Special Concern and Undetermined. For a complete listing of species monitored by the ENSP, see the Species Status Listing on the Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ website.

Species names in the tables below link to PDF documents containing identification, habitat and status and conservation information. For more detailed descriptions, photographs, and range maps of New Jersey's endangered, threatened, and special concern species, please refer to the Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ's on-line field guide.

BIRDS			
Endangered		**Threatened**	
Bittern, American BR	*Botaurus lentiginosos* BR	Bobolink BR	*Dolichonyx oryzivorus* BR
Eagle, bald BR	*Haliaeetus leucocephalus* BR	Eagle, bald NB	*Haliaeetus leucocephalus* NB
Falcon, peregrine BR	*Falco peregrinus* BR	Egret, cattle BR	*Bubulcus ibis* BR
Goshawk, northern BR	*Accipiter gentilis* BR	Kestrel, American	*Falco sparverius*
Grebe, pied-billed BR	*Podilymbus podiceps* BR	Lark, horned BR	*Eremophila alpestris* BR
Harrier, northern BR	*Circus cyaneus* BR	Night-heron, black-crowned BR	*Nycticorax nycticorax* BR
Hawk, red-shouldered BR	*Buteo lineatus* BR	Night-heron, yellow-crowned	*Nyctanassa violacea*
Knot, red NB	*Calidris canutus* NB	Osprey BR	*Pandion haliaetus* BR

Owl, short-eared BR	*Asio flammeus* BR	Owl, barred	*Strix varia*
Plover, piping**	*Charadrius melodus***	Owl, long-eared	*Asio otus*
Rail, black BR	*Laterallus jamaicensis* BR	Rail, black NB	*Laterallus jamaicensis* NB
Sandpiper, upland	*Batramia longicauda*	Sparrow, grasshopper BR	*Ammodramus savannarum* BR
Shrike, loggerhead NB	*Lanius ludovicianus* NB	Sparrow, Savannah BR	*Passerculus sandwichensis* BR
Skimmer, black	*Rynchops niger*	Woodpecker, red-headed	*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*
Sparrow, Henslow's	*Ammodramus henslowii*		
Sparrow, vesper BR	*Pooecetes gramineus* BR		
Tern, least	*Sternula antillarum*		
Tern, roseate**	*Sterna dougallii***		
Warbler, golden-winged BR	*Vermivora chrysoptera* BR		
Wren, sedge	*Cistothorus platensis*		
**Federally endangered or threatened			
BR - Breeding population only; NB - non-breeding population only			

REPTILES			
Endangered		**Threatened**	
Rattlesnake, timber	*Crotalus h. horridus*	Snake, northern pine	*Pituophis m. melanoleucus*
Snake, corn	*Elaphe g. guttata*	Turtle, Atlantic green**	*Chelonia mydas***
Snake, queen	*Regina septemvittata*	Turtle, wood	*Glyptemys insculpta*
Turtle, bog**	*Glyptemys muhlenbergii***		
Hawksbill, Atlantic**	*Eretmochelys imbricata***		
Leatherback, Atlantic **	*Dermochelys coriacea***		
Loggerhead, Atlantic **	*Caretta caretta***		
Ridley, Atlantic **	*Lepidochelys kempii***		
**Federally endangered or threatened			

AMPHIBIANS			
Endangered		**Threatened**	
Salamander, blue-spotted	*Ambystoma laterale*	Salamander, eastern mud	*Pseudotriton montanus*
Salamander, eastern tiger	*Ambystoma tigrinum*	Salamander, long-tailed	*Eurycea longicauda*
Treefrog, southern gray	*Hyla chrysocelis*	Treefrog, pine barrens	*Hyla andersonii*

INVERTEBRATES			
Endangered		**Threatened**	
Beetle, American burying**	*Nicrophorus americanus***	Baskettail, robust(dragonfly)	*Epitheca spinosa*
Beetle, northeastern beach tiger**	*Cincindela d. dorsalis***	Clubtail, banner (dragonfly)	*Gomphus apomyius*
Copper, bronze	*Lycaena hyllus*	Clubtail, harpoon (dragonfly)	*Gomphus descriptus*
Floater, brook (mussel)	*Alasmidonta varicosa*	Elfin, frosted (butterfly)	*Callophrys irus*
Floater, green (mussel)	*Lasmigona subviridis*	Emerald, Kennedy's (dragonfly)	*Somatochlora kennedyi*
Petaltail, gray (dragonfly)	*Tachopteryx thoreyi*	Floater, triangle (mussel)	*Alasmidonta undulata*
Satyr, Mitchell's (butterfly)**	*Neonympha m. mitchellii***	Fritillary, silver-bordered (butterfly)	*Bolaria selene myrina*
Skipper, arogos (butterfly)	*Atrytone arogos arogos*	Jewelwing, superb (dragonfly)	*Calopteryx amata*
Skipper, Appalachian grizzled (butterfly)	*Pyrgus wyandot*	Lampmussel, eastern (mussel)	*Lampsilis radiata*
Wedgemussel, dwarf**	*Alasmidonta heterodon***	Lampmussel, yellow (mussel)	*Lampsilis cariosa*
		Mucket, tidewater (mussel)	*Leptodea ochracea*
		Pondmussel, eastern (mussel)	*Ligumia nasuta*
		Snaketail, brook, (dragonfly)	*Ophiogomphus asperses*
		White, checkered (butterfly)	*Pontia protodice*
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MAMMALS	
Endangered	
Bat, Indiana**	*Myotis sodalis***
Bobcat	*Lynx rufus*
Whale, North Atlantic right**	*Eubalaena glacialis***
Whale, blue**	*Balaenoptera musculus***
Whale, fin**	*Balaenoptera physalus***
Whale, humpback**	*Megaptera novaeangliae***
Whale, sei**	*Balaenoptera borealis***
Whale,sperm**	*Physeter macrocephalus***
Woodrat, Allegheny	*Neotoma magister*

FISH	
Endangered	
Sturgeon, Atlantic**	*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus***
Sturgeon, shortnose**	*Acipenser brevirostrum***
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