

Wisconsin Endangered and Threatened Species Laws & List



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Definitions

Wisconsin Endangered Species: Any species whose continued existence as a viable component of this state's wild animals or wild plants is determined by the Department to be in jeopardy on the basis of scientific evidence.

Wisconsin Threatened Species: Any species which appears likely, within the foreseeable future, on the basis of scientific evidence to become endangered.

State Laws

Endangered and Threatened Species Laws (State Statute 29.604 & Administrative Rule NR27)

Animals - It is illegal to take, transport, possess, process or sell any wild animal that is included on the Wisconsin Endangered and Threatened Species List without a valid permit.

Plants - No one may process or sell any wild plant that is a listed species without a valid permit. On public lands or lands you do not own, lease, or have the permission of the landowner, you may not cut, root up, sever, injure, destroy, remove, transport or carry away a listed plant without a permit. There is an exemption on public lands for forestry, agriculture and utility activity.

Permits - No one is exempt from these laws, but an Endangered or Threatened Species "Scientific" Permit or an Incidental Take Permit can allow you to conduct certain activities under specified conditions. The Department of Natural Resources may issue these permits, under specified terms and conditions to take, transport, possess, or export listed endangered or threatened species. Permit information and applications are available from the Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation (address below).

Violations

Endangered and Threatened Animals: If the state law is violated unintentionally, the violator is subject to a fine of no less than \$500 and no more than \$2,000 and the court shall revoke all hunting privileges for one year. If the law is violated intentionally a person may be fined no less than \$2,000 and no more than \$5,000 or may be imprisoned for 9 months, or both. The court shall revoke all hunting privileges for three years. Violations of Federal Laws will result in additional penalties.

Endangered and Threatened Plants: If the state law is violated unintentionally, the person is subject to a fine of \$1,000 or less. If the law is violated intentionally, the person is subject to a fine of \$1,000 or less and/or 9 months imprisonment.

Report violations of wildlife laws to the toll-free Wisconsin Emergency Hotline: (1-800-847-9367).

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Effective Dates of Listing

(A) October 1, 1972	(E) November 1, 1981	(I) August 1, 1997
(B) October 1, 1975	(F) December 1, 1982	(J) October 1, 1999
(C) May 1, 1978	(G) April 1, 1985	(K) June 1, 2011
(D) October 1, 1979	(H) August 1, 1989	(L) January 1, 2014

MAMMALS

ENDANGERED

(A) American Marten *Martes americana*

THREATENED

(K) Big brown bat *Eptesicus fuscus*
 (K) Little brown bat *Myotis lucifugus*
 (K) Northern long-eared bat* *Myotis septentrionalis*
 (K) Eastern pipistrelle *Perimyotis subflavus*

BIRDS

ENDANGERED

(D) Piping Plover** *Charadrius melodus*
 (L) Black Tern *Chlidonias niger*
 (B) Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*
 (H) Worm-eating Warbler *Helminthos vermivorum*
 (H) Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*
 (D) Loggerhead Shrike *Lanius ludovicianus*
 (F) Red-necked Grebe *Podiceps grisegena*
 (H) Yellow-throated Warbler *Setophaga dominica*
 (L) Kirtland's Warbler** *Setophaga kirtlandii*
 (D) Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri*
 (D) Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

THREATENED

(I) Henslow's Sparrow *Ammodramus henslowii*
 (D) Great Egret *Ardea alba*
 (L) Upland Sandpiper *Bartramia longicauda*
 (D) Red-shouldered Hawk *Buteo lineatus*
 (I) Yellow Rail *Coturnicops noveboracensis*
 (H) Acadian Flycatcher *Empidonax vireescens*
 (I) Spruce Grouse *Falcapennis canadensis*
 (H) Kentucky Warbler *Geothlypis formosa*
 (H) Yellow-Crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea*
 (H) Cerulean Warbler *Setophaga cerulea*
 (H) Hooded Warbler *Setophaga citrina*
 (D) Greater Prairie-Chicken *Tympanuchus cupido*
 (H) Bell's Vireo *Vireo bellii*

AMPHIBIANS

ENDANGERED

(F) Blanchard's Cricket Frog *Acris blanchardi*

REPTILES

ENDANGERED

(D) Slender Glass Lizard *Ophisaurus attenuatus*
 (A) Queensnake *Regina septemvittata*
 (B) Eastern Massasauga *Sistrurus catenatus catenatus*
 (A) Ornate Box Turtle *Terrapene ornata*
 (D) Western Ribbonsnake *Thamnophis proximus*
 (D) Eastern Ribbonsnake *Thamnophis sauritus*

THREATENED

(B) Wood Turtle *Glyptemys insculpta*

FISHES

ENDANGERED

(H) Skipjack Herring *Alosa chrysochloris*
 (D) Crystal Darter *Crystallaria asprella*
 (D) Gravel Chub *Erimystax x-punctatus*
 (D) Bluntnose Darter *Etheostoma chlorosoma*
 (D) Starhead Topminnow *Fundulus dispar*
 (D) Goldeye *Hiodon alosoides*
 (D) Pallid Shiner *Hybopsis amnis*
 (D) Striped Shiner *Luxilus chrysocephalus*
 (I) Black Redhorse *Moxostoma duquesnei*
 (D) Slender Madtom *Noturus exilis*

THREATENED

(D) Blue Sucker *Cycleptus elongatus*
 (D) Black Buffalo *Ictiobus niger*
 (D) Longear Sunfish *Lepomis megalotis*
 (H) Redfin Shiner *Lythrurus umbratilis*
 (D) Shoal Chub *Macrhybopsis hyostoma*
 (H) River Redhorse *Moxostoma carinatum*
 (H) Pugnose Shiner *Notropis anogenus*
 (A) Ozark Minnow *Notropis nubilus*
 (D) Gilt Darter *Percina evides*
 (H) Paddlefish *Polyodon spathula*

MUSSELS

ENDANGERED

(H) Spectaclecase** *Cumberlandia monodonta*
 (H) Purple Wartyback *Cyclonaias tuberculata*
 (H) Butterfly *Ellipsaria lineolata*
 (H) Elephant-Ear *Elliptio crassidens*
 (H) Snuffbox** *Epioblasma triquetra*
 (H) Ebonyshell *Fusconaia ebena*
 (C) Higgins Eye** *Lampsilis higginsii*
 (H) Yellow/Slough Sandshell *Lampsilis teres*
 (H) Sheepnose** *Plethobasus cyphus*
 (H) Winged Mapleleaf*** *Quadrula fragosa*
 (H) Rainbow *Villosa iris*

THREATENED

(H) Slippershell mussel *Alasmidonta viridis*
 (H) Rock-Pocketbook *Arcidens confragosus*
 (H) Monkeyface *Quadrula metanevra*
 (H) Wartyback *Quadrula nodulata*
 (H) Salamander Mussel *Simpsonaias ambigua*
 (H) Buckhorn *Tritogonia verrucosa*
 (L) Fawnsfoot *Truncilla donaciformis*
 (H) Ellipse *Venustaconcha ellipsiformis*

SNAILS

ENDANGERED

(H) Midwest Pleistocene Vertigo *Vertigo hubrichti*
 (H) Occult Vertigo *Vertigo occulta*

THREATENED

(H) Wing Snaggletooth *Gastrocopta procera*
 (H) Cherrystone Drop *Hendersonia occulta*

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INSECTS

ENDANGERED

(H) Pecatonica River Mayfly	<i>Acanthametropus pecatonica</i>
(I) Red-tailed Prairie Leafhopper	<i>Aflexia rubranura</i>
(H) Flat-headed Mayfly	<i>Spinadia simplex</i>
(L) A Leafhopper	<i>Attenuipyga vanduzeei</i>
(H) Swamp Metalmark	<i>Calephelis muticum</i>
(L) Hairy-necked Tiger Beetle	<i>Cicindela hirticollis rhodensis</i>
(L) Ottoe Skipper	<i>Hesperia ottoe</i>
(H) Northern Blue Butterfly	<i>Lycæides idas</i>
(H) Giant Carrion Beetle**	<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>
(H) Poweshiek Skipperling**	<i>Oarisma poweshiek</i>
(H) Extra-striped Snaketail	<i>Ophiogomphus anomalus</i>
(I) Saint Croix Snaketail	<i>Ophiogomphus susbehcha</i>
(H) Silphium Borer Moth	<i>Papaipema silphii</i>
(H) Phlox Moth	<i>Schinia indiana</i>
(I) Hine's Emerald**	<i>Somatochlora hineana</i>
(I) Incurvate Emerald	<i>Somatochlora incurvata</i>
(H) Regal Fritillary	<i>Speyeria idalia</i>
(H) Knobels Riffle Beetle	<i>Stenelmis knobeli</i>
(I) Lake Huron Locust	<i>Trimerotropis huroniana</i>

THREATENED

(L) An Issid Planthopper	<i>Fitchiella robertsoni</i>
(H) Frosted Elfin	<i>Callophrys irus</i>
(I) Prairie Leafhopper	<i>Polyamia dilata</i>
(I) Spatterdock Darner	<i>Rhionaeschna mutata</i>

PLANTS

ENDANGERED

(G) Pale False Foxglove	<i>Agalinis skinneriana</i>
(E) Carolina Anemone	<i>Anemone caroliniana</i>
(D) Cut-leaved Anemone	<i>Anemone multifida</i> var. <i>multifida</i>
(D) Large-leaved Sandwort	<i>Moehringia (=Arenaria) macrophylla</i>
(D) Lake Cress	<i>Armoracia lacustris</i>
(G) Purple Milkweed	<i>Asclepias purpurascens</i>
(D) Green Spleenwort	<i>Asplenium trichomanes-ramosum</i>
(D) Alpine Milk Vetch	<i>Astragalus alpinus</i>
(E) Prairie Plum	<i>Astragalus crassicaeris</i>
(G) Cooper's Milk Vetch	<i>Astragalus neglectus</i>
(I) Prairie Moonwort	<i>Botrychium campestre</i>
(E) Common Moonwort	<i>Botrychium lunaria</i>
(G) Goblin Fern	<i>Botrychium mormo</i>
(D) Floating Marsh Marigold	<i>Caltha natans</i>
(G) Wild Hyacinth	<i>Camassia scilloides</i>
(E) Ravenfoot Sedge	<i>Carex crus-corvi</i>
(I) Smooth-sheathed Sedge	<i>Carex laevivaginata</i>
(D) False Hop Sedge	<i>Carex lupuliformis</i>
(D) Intermediate Sedge	<i>Carex media</i>
(I) Schweinitz's Sedge	<i>Carex schweinitzii</i>
(E) Brook Grass	<i>Catabrosa aquatica</i>
(D) Hemlock-parsley	<i>Conioselinum chinense</i>
(E) Obovate Beak Grass	<i>Diarrhena obovata</i>
(D) Hoary Whitlow-grass	<i>Draba cana</i>
(I) Neat Spike-rush	<i>Eleocharis nitida</i>
(D) Square-stem Spike-rush	<i>Eleocharis quadrangulata</i>
(I) Wolf's Spike-rush	<i>Eleocharis wolfii</i>
(D) Harbinger-of-Spring	<i>Erigeron bulbosa</i>
(D) Chestnut Sedge	<i>Fimbristylis puberula</i>
(E) Dwarf Umbrella Sedge	<i>Fuirena pumila</i>
(D) Northern Commandra	<i>Geocaulon lividum</i>

PLANTS cont.

(H) Bog Rush	<i>Juncus stygius</i>
(H) Prairie Bush Clover*	<i>Lespedeza leptostachya</i>
(E) Dotted Blazing Star	<i>Liatris punctata</i> var. <i>nebraskana</i>
(D) Auricled Twayblade	<i>Listera auriculata</i>
(I) Fly Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>
(E) Smith's Melic Grass	<i>Melica smithii</i>
(I) Mat Muhly	<i>Muhlenbergia richardsonis</i>
(I) Louisiana Broomrape	<i>Orobanche ludoviciana</i>
(H) Fassett's Locoweed*	<i>Oxytropis campestris</i> var. <i>chartacea</i>
(D) Small-flowered Grass-of-Parnassus	<i>Parnassia parviflora</i>
(E) Smooth Phlox	<i>Phlox glaberrima</i> ssp. <i>interior</i>
(E) Butterwort	<i>Pinguicula vulgaris</i>
(D) Heart-leaved Plantain	<i>Plantago cordata</i>
(H) Eastern Prairie White Fringed Orchid*	<i>Platanthera leucophaea</i>
(I) Western Jacob's Ladder	<i>Polemonium occidentale</i> ssp. <i>lacustre</i>
(D) Pink Milkwort	<i>Polygala incarnata</i>
(G) Spotted Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton pulcher</i>
(E) Rough White Lettuce	<i>Prenanthes aspera</i>
(D) Great White Lettuce	<i>Prenanthes crepidinea</i>
(D) Pine-drops	<i>Pterospora andromedea</i>
(D) Small Shinleaf	<i>Pyrola minor</i>
(E) Small Yellow Water Crowfoot	<i>Ranunculus gmelinii</i>
(I) Lapland Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus lapponicus</i>
(D) Lapland Rosebay	<i>Rhododendron lapponicum</i>
(D) Wild Petunia	<i>Ruellia humilis</i>
(D) Sand Dune Willow	<i>Salix cordata</i>
(I) Satiny Willow	<i>Salix pellita</i>
(I) Hall's Bulrush	<i>Schoenoplectus hallii</i>
(G) Netted Nut-rush	<i>Scleria reticularis</i>
(G) Small Skullcap	<i>Scutellaria parvula</i> var. <i>parvula</i>
(E) Low Spike-moss	<i>Selaginella selaginoides</i>
(I) Fire Pink	<i>Silene virginica</i>
(E) Blue-stemmed Goldenrod	<i>Solidago caesia</i>
(D) Lake Huron Tansy	<i>Tanacetum bipinnatum</i> ssp. <i>huronense</i>
(D) Hairy Meadow Parsnip	<i>Thaspium chapmanii</i>
(E) Heartleaf Foamflower	<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>
(I) Purple False Oats	<i>Trisetum mellicoides</i>
(D) Dwarf Bilberry	<i>Vaccinium cespitosum</i>
(D) Mountain Cranberry	<i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i>
(D) Squashberry	<i>Viburnum edule</i>
(D) Sand Violet	<i>Viola sagittata</i> var. <i>ovata</i>
THREATENED	
(E) Northern Monkshood*	<i>Aconitum noveboracense</i>
(G) Muskroot	<i>Adoxa moschatellina</i>
(G) Roundstem Foxglove	<i>Agalinis gattingeri</i>
(G) Round-leaved Orchis	<i>Amerorchis rotundifolia</i>
(E) Woolly Milkweed	<i>Asclepias lanuginosa</i>
(G) Dwarf Milkweed	<i>Asclepias ovalifolia</i>
(H) Prairie Milkweed	<i>Asclepias sullivantii</i>
(G) Pinnatifid Spleenwort	<i>Asplenium pinnatifidum</i>
(G) Kitten Tails	<i>Besseyia bullii</i>
(I) Sand Reedgrass	<i>Calamoviifa longifolia</i> var. <i>magna</i>
(H) Large Water Starwort	<i>Callitriche heterophylla</i>
(H) Calypso Orchid	<i>Calypso bulbosa</i>
(D) Carey's Sedge	<i>Carex careyana</i>
(H) Beautiful Sedge	<i>Carex concinna</i>
(H) Coast Sedge	<i>Carex exilis</i>
(G) Handsome Sedge	<i>Carex formosa</i>
(D) Elk Sedge	<i>Carex garberi</i>

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PLANTS cont.

(E) Lenticular Sedge	<i>Carex lenticularis</i>
(H) Michaux's Sedge	<i>Carex michauxiana</i>
(D) Hill's Thistle	<i>Cirsium hillii</i>
(D) Dune Thistle*	<i>Cirsium pitcheri</i>
(D) Rams-head Lady's-slipper	<i>Cypripedium arietinum</i>
(D) White Lady's-slipper	<i>Cypripedium candidum</i>
(D) English Sundew	<i>Drosera anglica</i>
(E) Linear-leaved Sundew	<i>Drosera linearis</i>
(G) Pale Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea pallida</i>
(E) Beaked Spike-rush	<i>Eleocharis rostellata</i>
(D) Thickspike Wheatgrass	<i>Elymus lanceolatus</i> (= <i>Elytrigia dasystachya</i>) ssp. <i>psammophilus</i>
(G) Forked Aster	<i>Eurybia furcata</i>
(D) Western Fescue	<i>Festuca occidentalis</i>
(G) Blue Ash	<i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i>
(D) Round Fruited St. John's Wort	<i>Hypericum sphaerocarpum</i>
(H) Dwarf Lake Iris*	<i>Iris lacustris</i>
(H) Slender Bush Clover	<i>Lespedeza virginica</i>
(E) Bladderpod	<i>Lesquerella ludoviciana</i>
(D) Broad-leaved Twayblade	<i>Listera convallarioides</i>
(E) Brittle Prickly Pear	<i>Opuntia fragilis</i>
(D) Clustered Broomrape	<i>Orobanche fasciculata</i>
(I) Plains Ragwort	<i>Packera indecora</i>
(E) Marsh Grass-of-Parnassus	<i>Parnassia palustris</i>
(D) Sweet Colt's-foot	<i>Petasites sagittatus</i>
(H) Pale Green Orchid	<i>Platanthera flava</i> var. <i>herbiola</i>
(D) Braun's Holly Fern	<i>Polystichum braunii</i>
(D) Prairie-parsley	<i>Polytaenia nuttallii</i>
(G) Algae-leaved Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton confervoides</i>
(G) Cliff Cudweed	<i>Pseudognaphalium saxicola</i>
(E) Seaside Crowfoot	<i>Ranunculus cymbalaria</i>
(E) Long-beaked Bald-rush	<i>Rhynchospora scirpoides</i>
(I) Canadian Gooseberry	<i>Ribes oxycanthoides</i> ssp. <i>oxycanthoides</i>
(I) Tea-leaved Willow	<i>Salix planifolia</i> ssp. <i>planifolia</i>
(I) Dune Goldenrod	<i>Solidago simplex</i> var. <i>gilmanii</i>
(E) Clustered Bur-reed	<i>Sparganium glomeratum</i>
(E) Sheathed Pondweed	<i>Stuckenia vaginata</i>
(D) False Asphodel	<i>Triantha glutinosa</i>
(I) Tufted Bulrush	<i>Trichophorum cespitosum</i>
(E) Snow Trillium	<i>Trillium nivale</i>
(E) Spike Trisetum	<i>Trisetum spicatum</i>
(E) Marsh Valerian	<i>Valeriana uliginosa</i>

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A Reminder

The Department of Natural Resources reminds you that the Endangered and Threatened Species list is only a first step toward identifying a problem that exists. It doesn't tell what the problem is or what to do about it. Moreover, it does not guarantee survival of the plants and animals listed. The real work follows listing. The Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation formulates management plans to aid the recovery of listed species. DNR resource managers put the plans to work in the field, while conservation wardens enforce laws protecting endangered resources.

A Request

The Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation welcomes observations of endangered and threatened plants and animals. We are also interested in observations of species of special concern (species about which some problem of abundance or distribution is suspected but not yet proven). If you would like to obtain reporting forms for submitting observations and/or a list of special concern species, please contact us at the address or phone number in the box at right.



Henslow's Sparrow

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