

Species of Concern

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The following list includes some (but not all) of the Species of Concern in Region 3 and actions that have or are being taken to document their status or conserve the species. As time and budget allows, species and additional information will be added to this list.

"Species of concern" is an informal term that refers to those species which Region 3 believes might be in need of concentrated conservation actions. Such conservation actions vary depending on the health of the populations and degree and types of threats. At one extreme, there may only need to be periodic monitoring of populations and threats to the species and its habitat. At the other extreme, a species may need to be listed as a Federal threatened or endangered species. "Species of concern" receive no legal protection and the use of the term does not necessarily mean that the species will eventually be proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

Region 3 is the lead region unless noted otherwise. Abbreviation indicates the lead Field Office within Region 3 (e.g., TCFO).

[Guidance for Conducting Status Assessments](#)

Mammals

Eastern small-footed bat (*Myotis leibii*)

Federal Register (June 29, 2011): [Notice of petition finding and initiation of status review](#)

Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*)

Federal Register (June 29, 2011): [Notice of petition finding and initiation of status review](#)

Three Grassland Thicket Species: Prairie Gray Fox, Plains Spotted Skunk and DPS of the Mearns' eastern cottontail

News Release: (December 5, 2012): [Prairie Gray Fox, Plains Spotted Skunk May Warrant Protection Under the Endangered Species Act; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to Review Species' Status](#)

Federal Register (December 4, 2012): [90-Day Finding on a Petition To List the Prairie Gray Fox, the Plains Spotted Skunk, and a Distinct Population Segment of the Mearns' Eastern Cottontail in East-Central Illinois and Western Indiana as Endangered or Threatened Species](#) (13-page PDF; 225KB)

[The Petition Process](#)


[A Petition to list Three Grassland and Thicket \(Early-Successional\) Species as Threatened or Endangered under Section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973.](#) 14-page PDF

Birds

Baird's sparrow (*Ammodramus bairdii*)

[Fact Sheet, Status Assessment and Conservation Plan](#) (Region 6 lead); [TCFO](#)

Black tern (*Chlidonias niger*)

[Black Tern Status Assessment \(1999\)](#) 137-page PDF ; 7.8MB (Region 6 lead); [TCFO](#)

Cerulean warbler (*Dendroica cerulea*)

[Available Information](#)

Common tern, Great Lake Population (*Sterna hirundo*)


[Common Tern Status Assessment](#) (2003)

Golden-winged warbler

[90-Finding on a Petition to List under the Endangered Species Act](#)


Henslow's sparrow (*Ammodramus henslowii*)

[Status Assessment and Conservation Plan for the Henslow's Sparrow \(2012\)](#) (136-page PDF; 3.8MB)

[Henslow's Sparrow Distribution, Relative Abundance and Habitat Selection in the Central Hardwoods Bird Conservation Region](#) 2011 (57-page PDF ; 2MB)

[September 9, 1998, Federal Register Notice of Finding on Petition to List as Threatened](#) PDF 

[1997 Decision on the Status Recommendation](#) (decision not to designate as candidate species)

[Status Assessment](#) (1996) PDF , 109 pages

[Status Assessment Report Summary](#) (completed in 1996); [BFO](#)

Loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus migrans*)

[Status assessment completed November, 2000](#) (pdf file); [BFO](#)

Northern goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*)

Literature review for Region 3 states and Ontario is underway; [GBFO](#) and [TCFO](#)

[Status of Northern Goshawk; Proceedings of a Workshop](#)

Amphibians

Eastern Hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis*); [Ohio Field Office](#)

[Eastern Hellbender Status Assessment Report](#) (2003) - 43 page PDF. Location information has been blacked out in the copy of this status assessment because collection is a serious threat to this species.

Northern Leopard Frog (*Lithobates [=Rana] pipiens*)

News Release (Oct. 4, 2011): [Endangered Species Act Protection for Northern Leopard Frog is Not Warranted](#)

[12-Month Finding on a Petition To List the Northern Leopard Frog in the Western United States as Threatened](#) (PDF)

Fishes

Coaster brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*)

[12-Month Finding and 90-Day Finding on a Petition to List as Endangered and Background Information](#) - Listing not warranted

Crystal darter (*Crystallaria asprella*)

[Status assessment \(pdf\)](#) completed; [Ohio Field Office](#)

Eastern sand darter (*Etheostoma pellucidum*)

[Status assessment \(PDF\)](#); [Ohio Field Office](#)

Flathead chub (*Hybopsis gracilis*)

Status assessment underway; [CMFO](#)

Longhead darter (*Percina macrocephala*)

Status assessment underway; [Ohio Field Office](#)

Northern cavefish (*Amblyopsis spelaea*)

Status assessment completed in 1995; [BFO](#)

[Decision on the Status Recommendation](#) (decision not to designate as a candidate species)

Shortjaw cisco (*Coregonus zenithicus*)

Status Assessment: [Status of the shortjaw cisco \(*Coregonus zenithicus*\) in Lake Superior](#) - July 2005; [East Lansing Field Office](#)

Spotted darter (*Etheostoma maculatum*)

[Spotted Darter Candidate Assessment Form](#) (July 2011)

[Status assessment](#) - 2004 (PDF); [Ohio Field Office](#)

Mussels

Salamander Mussel (*Simpsonia ambigua*)

Status assessment underway; [GBFO](#)

Snails

Frigid Ambersnail (*Catinella gelida*)

[Federal Register Notice: 12-Month Finding on a Petition To List the Frigid Ambersnail as Endangered - listing not warranted](#) July 26, 2011 (4-page PDF; 60KB)

Glacial relict snails

Status assessment underway; [Rock Island Field Office](#)

Insects

Iowa Skipper (*Atrytone arogos iowa*)

[Data and Literature Compilation](#) - April 2005

Poweshiek Skipperling (*Oarisma poweshiek*)

The Poweshiek skipperling is a candidate for addition to the list of threatened and endangered species. [Information about the Poweshiek skipperling](#)

Rattlesnake-master borer moth (*Papaipema eryngii*)

12-Month Finding underway; [Rock Island Field Office](#)

Swamp metalmark (*Calephelis muticum*)

Status assessment underway; [Wisconsin Field Office](#)

A shovel-headed leafhopper - no common name (*Attenuipyga vanduzeei*)

Status assessment underway; [Wisconsin Field Office](#)

Crustaceans

Indiana crayfish (*Orconectes indianensis*)

[Status assessment](#) completed in 1995; [BFO](#)

[Decision on the Status Recommendation](#) (decision not to designate as candidate species)

Flowering Plants

Hall's bulrush (*Schoenoplectus (Scirpus) hallii*)
Status Assessment completed in 1998; [CMFO](#)

Hill's thistle (*Cirsium hillii*)
[Status assessment completed](#) in 1997; [ELFO](#)
[Decision on the Status Recommendation](#) (decision not to designate as candidate species)

Oklahoma grass pink (*Calopogon oklahomensis*); Lead Field Office [CIFO](#)

October 4, 2011 New Release: [Endangered Species Act Protection Not Warranted for Oklahoma Grass Pink Orchid](#)

[Federal Register Notice: Not Warranted 12-Month Finding on a Petition To List *Calopogon oklahomensis* as Threatened or Endangered](#) (15-page PDF)

Wolf's spike-rush (*Eleocharis wolfii*)
[Status Assessment](#) published 2009

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