



In 1973 Congress passed a law called the *Endangered Species Act*. The purpose of this law is:

- to identify animals and plants that are in trouble; and
- to protect these animals and plants and their habitats.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service keeps a list of animals and plants that are protected by the Endangered Species Act.

There are over 950 animals and plants from the United States on the list of endangered and threatened species:

- An *endangered species* is in danger of extinction throughout the area in which they are usually found.
- A *threatened species* is one that could become endangered in the near future.

# Federally Endangered and Threatened Species in Ohio

## MAMMALS

Indiana bat (E)

## BIRDS

Piping plover (E)

Whooping crane - nonessential experimental population

## REPTILES

Copperbelly water snake (T)

Lake Erie water snake (T)

## FISH

Scioto madtom (E)

## CLAMS

### (Freshwater Mussels, Unionids)

Clubshell (E)

Fanshell (E)

Northern riffleshell (E)

Pink-mucket pearl mussel (E)

Purple cat's paw pearl mussel (E)

Rayed Bean (C)

Sheepnose (C)

White cat's paw pearl mussel (E)

## INSECTS

American burying beetle (E)

Karner blue butterfly (E)

Mitchell's satyr butterfly (E)

## PLANTS

Eastern prairie fringed orchid (T)

Lakeside daisy (T)

Northern wild monkshood (T)

Running buffalo clover (E)

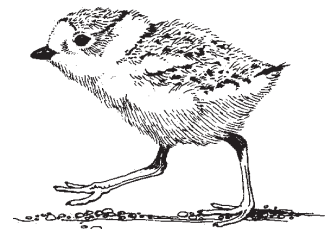
Small whorled pogonia (T)

Virginia spiraea (T)

E = Endangered

T = Threatened

C = Candidate





## The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The mission of the *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service* is to preserve, protect, and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the people.

*Region 3* of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service covers an eight-state area: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

*Region 3's Ecological Services Program* works to protect and enhance wetland and upland habitats, study the effects of contaminants on fish and wildlife, inventory and map wetlands, and protect and restore endangered species.

The *Division of Endangered Species* in *Region 3* works with other Federal agencies, state agencies, and private groups and landowners to:

- help prevent animals and plants within the eight states of *Region 3* from becoming extinct;
- help protect habitats important to these species; and
- help bring populations of animals and plants to the point where they are no longer threatened or endangered.

For more information about animals and plants protected by Federal law, call or write to:

Division of Endangered Species  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building  
1 Federal Drive  
Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056  
612/713-5350

In Ohio:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
4625 Morse Road, Suite 104  
Columbus, OH 43230  
614-416-8993

Most states, including Ohio, have their own programs to protect locally endangered animals and plants.

For information about animals and plants protected by Ohio law, write to:

Department of Natural Resources  
Fountain Square, Building D-3  
Columbus, Ohio 43224  
614/265-6877

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 3



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