

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 Illinois

MAMMALS

Gray bat (E) Indiana bat (E)

BIRDS

Least tern (Interior population) (E) Piping Plover (E) - critical habitat designated Whooping crane - nonessential experimental population

FISHES

Pallid sturgeon (E)

CLAMS (Freshwater mussels, Unionids)

Clubshell (E) Fanshell (E) Fat pocketbook (E) Higgins' eye pearlymussel (E) Orange-foot pimpleback pearlymussel (E) Pink mucket pearlymussel (E) Sheepnose (C) Spectaclecase (C)

SNAILS

Iowa Pleistocene snail (E)

INSECTS

Hine's emerald dragonfly (E) Karner blue butterfly (E)

CRUSTACEANS

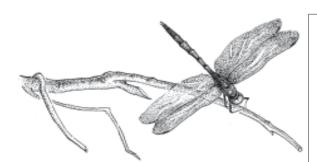
Illinois cave amphipod (E)

PLANTS

Decurrent false aster (T) Eastern prairie fringed orchid (T) Lakeside daisy (T) Leafy prairie-clover (E) Mead's milkweed (T) Pitcher's thistle (T) Prairie bush-clover (T) Price's potato-bean (T) Small whorled pogonia (T)

E = Endangered T =Threatened C = Candidate





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

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

Department of Conservation Lincoln Tower Plaza 524 South Second Street Springfield, Illinois 62701-1787 217/782-6302

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 Illinois:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Rural Route 3, Box 328 Marion, Illinois 62959 618/997-5491 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 1511 47th Avenue Moline, Illinois 61265 309/757-5800

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 1000 Hart Road, Suite 180 Barrington, Illinois 60010 708/381-2253



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