

Maine's Endangered and Threatened Wildlife



Endangered Species in Maine (*effective October 25, 2023*)

Native species that are in danger of extinction in Maine because of a loss or change in habitat, over-exploitation, predation, competition, disease, disturbance, contamination, or other threats. Assistance is needed to ensure these species' continued existence as viable members of the state's wildlife community. Protections under the Maine Endangered Species Act (12 M.R.S. §12801 - §12809) and related regulations (MDIFW Chapter 8) apply.

Birds

- American pipit (*Anthus rubescens*): breeding population only
- Black-crowned night heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)
- Black tern (*Chlidonias niger*)
- Golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*)
- Grasshopper sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*)
- Least bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*)
- Least tern (*Sterna antillarum*)
- Peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*): breeding population only
- Piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*)²
- Roseate tern (*Sterna dougallii*)²
- Saltmarsh sparrow (*Ammodramus caudacutus*)
- Sedge wren (*Cistothorus stellaris*)

Fish

- Redfin pickerel (*Esox americanus americanus*)

Mammals

- Little brown bat (*Myotis lucifugus*)
- New England cottontail (*Sylvilagus transitionalis*)
- Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*)²

Invertebrates

Beetles

- Cobblestone tiger beetle (*Cicindela marginipennis*)

Butterflies and Skippers

- Edwards' hairstreak (*Satyrium edwardsii*)
- Frigga fritillary (*Boloria frigga saga*)
- Hessel's hairstreak (*Callophrys hesseli*)
- Juniper hairstreak (*Callophrys gryneus*)
- Katahdin Arctic (*Oeneis polixenes katahdin*)

Bumble Bee

- Ashton's cuckoo bumble bee (*Bombus ashtoni*)

Land Snails

- Six-whorl vertigo (*Vertigo morsei*)

Reptiles

- Black racer (*Coluber constrictor*)
- Blanding's turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*)

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Threatened Species in Maine (*effective October 25, 2023*)

Native species that are likely to become endangered in the near future if threats to their status escalate. Assistance is needed to ensure these species' continued existence as viable members of the state's wildlife community. Protections under the Maine Endangered Species Act (12 M.R.S. §12801 - §12809) and related regulations (MDIFW Chapter 8) apply.

Birds

Arctic tern (*Sterna paradisaea*)
Atlantic puffin (*Fratercula arctica*)
Bank swallow (*Riparia riparia*)
Barrow's goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*)
Bicknell's thrush (*Catharus bicknelli*)
Blackpoll warbler (*Setophaga striata*)
Cliff Swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*)
Common gallinule (*Gallinula galeata*)
Great cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*):
 breeding population only
Harlequin duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*)
Razorbill (*Alca torda*)
Upland sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*)
Short-eared owl (*Asio flammeus*):
 breeding population only

Fish

Swamp darter (*Etheostoma fusiforme*)

Mammals

Eastern small-footed bat (*Myotis leibii*)
Northern bog lemming (*Synaptomys borealis*)
Tri-colored Bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*)

Reptiles

Spotted turtle (*Clemmys guttata*)

Invertebrates

Beetles

Margined tiger beetle (*Ellipsoptera marginata*)

Butterflies and Skippers

Clayton's copper (*Tharsalea dorcas claytoni*)
Arctic fritillary (*Boloria chariclea grandis*)
Sleepy duskywing (*Erynnis brizo*)

Moths

Pine barrens zanclognatha (*Zanclognatha martha*)
Twilight moth (*Lucia rachelae*)

Dragonflies and Damselflies

Boreal snaketail (*Ophiogomphus colubrinus*)
Ringed boghaunter (*Williamsonia lintneri*)

Freshwater Mussels

Brook floater (*Alasmidonta varicosa*)
Tidewater mucket (*Atlanticoncha ochracea*)
Yellow lampmussel (*Lampsilis cariosa*)

Mayflies

Roaring Brook mayfly (*Epeorus frisoni*)
Tomah mayfly (*Siphonisca aerodromia*)

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"Delisted" Species in Maine

Native species that are recovered from the prior status of Endangered or Threatened. Special regulations that prohibit intentional take under the Maine Endangered Species Act (12 M.R.S. §12810) continue after delisting.

Birds

Bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)

¹Compilations include only those species listed by the Maine legislature after recommendation from the Commissioner, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (*Maine Revised Statutes: Title 12 Conservation, Part 13 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Chapter 925 Fish and Wildlife Management and Research, Subchapter 3 Endangered Species §12801 - §12810*); <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/12/title12sec12803.html>

This summary excludes:

- (a) marine species (except migratory birds) listed separately through the Maine Department of Marine Resources (12 M.R.S. § 6975); and
- (b) species designated only under the U.S. Endangered Species Act (16 USC Chapter 35) that are not listed under Maine law.

²These species are also recognized under the U.S. Endangered Species Act as well as Maine's Endangered Species Act.