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Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Status

Reviews for 25 Southeastern Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of reviews; request for information.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are initiating 5-year status reviews of 25 species under the Endangered Species Act, as amended. A 5-year review is an assessment of the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We are requesting submission of information that has become available since the last reviews of these species.

DATES: To allow us adequate time to conduct these reviews, we must receive your comments or information on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

ADDRESSES: For instructions on how to submit information and review information that we receive on these species, see **Request for New Information** under

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For species-specific information, see **Request for New Information** under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Why Do We Conduct 5-Year Reviews?

Under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we maintain lists of endangered and threatened wildlife and plant species in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for wildlife) and 17.12 (for plants) (List). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires us to review each listed species' status at least once every 5 years. Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing those species under active review.

For additional information about 5-year reviews, go to

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html>.

Which Species Are Under Review?

This notice announces our active 5-year reviews of the species in the following table.

ANIMALS					
Common name / Scientific name	Contact person, email, phone	Status (Endangered or Threatened)	States where the species is known to occur	Final Listing rule (<i>Federal Register</i> citation and publication date)	Contact's mailing address
<i>Reptiles</i>					
Sea turtle, hawksbill (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>)	Ann Marie Lauritsen northflorida@fws.gov 904-731-3032	Endangered	Alabama, American Samoa, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina,	35 FR 8491; 6/2/1970	USFWS 7915 Baymeadows Way, Suite 200 Jacksonville, FL 32256

			Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia, Virgin Islands		
Snake, black pine (<i>Pituophis melanoleucus lodingi</i>)	Matthew Hinderliter mississippi_field_office@fws.gov 601-321-1132	Threatened	Alabama, Mississippi	80 FR 60468; 10/6/2015	USFWS 6578 Dogwood View Pkwy Jackson, MS 39213
Turtle, Alabama red-bellied (<i>Pseudemys alabamensis</i>)	Linda LaClaire mississippi_field_office@fws.gov 601-321-1126	Endangered	Alabama, Mississippi	52 FR 22939; 6/16/1987	USFWS 6578 Dogwood View Pkwy Jackson, MS 39213
<i>Amphibians</i>					
Frog, dusky gopher (<i>Rana sevosia</i>)	Linda LaClaire mississippi_field_office@fws.gov 601-321-1126	Endangered	Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi	66 FR 62993; 12/4/2001	USFWS 6578 Dogwood View Pkwy Jackson, MS 39213
Coqui, golden (<i>Eleutherodactylus jasperii</i>)	Felix Lopez caribbean_es@fws.gov 787-851-7297	Threatened	Puerto Rico	42 FR 58756; 11/11/1977	USFWS Road 301, Km 5.1 P.O. Box 491 Boquerón, PR 00622
<i>Fishes</i>					
Darter, amber (<i>Percina antesella</i>)	Robin Goodloe georgiaes@fws.gov 706-613-9493	Endangered	Georgia / Tennessee	50 FR 31597; 8/5/1985	USFWS 355 East Hancock Ave Room 320

					Athens, GA 30601
Darter, Cherokee (<i>Etheostoma scotti</i>)	Robin Goodloe georgiaes@fws.gov 706-613-9493	Threatened	Georgia	59 FR 65505; 12/20/1994	USFWS 355 East Hancock Ave Room 320 Athens, GA 30601
Darter, Etowah (<i>Etheostoma etowahae</i>)	Robin Goodloe georgiaes@fws.gov 706-613-9493	Endangered	Georgia / Tennessee	59 FR 65505; 12/20/1994	USFWS 355 East Hancock Ave Room 320 Athens, GA 30601
Darter, goldline (<i>Percina aurolineata</i>)	Robin Goodloe georgiaes@fws.gov 706-613-9493	Threatened	Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee	57 FR 14786; 4/22/1992	USFWS 355 East Hancock Ave Room 320 Athens, GA 30601
Shiner, blue (<i>Cyprinella caerulea</i>)	Robin Goodloe georgiaes@fws.gov 706-613-9493	Threatened	Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee	57 FR 14786; 4/22/1992	USFWS 355 East Hancock Ave Room 320 Athens, GA 30601
<i>Clams</i>					
Clubshell, black (<i>Pleurobema curtum</i>)	Paul Hartfield mississippi_field_office@fws.gov 601-321-1125	Endangered	Alabama, Mississippi	52 FR 11162; 4/7/1987	USFWS 6578 Dogwood View Pkwy Jackson, MS 39213
Combshell, southern (<i>Epioblasma penita</i>)	Paul Hartfield mississippi_field_office@fws.gov 601-321-1125	Endangered	Alabama, Mississippi	52 FR 11162; 4/7/1987	USFWS 6578 Dogwood View Pkwy Jackson, MS 39213
Kidneyshell, fluted (<i>Ptychobranchnus subtentum</i>)	Anthony Ford cookeville@fws.gov 931-528-6481	Endangered	Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia	78 FR 59269; 9/26/2013	USFWS 446 Neal Street Cookeville, TN 38501

Pearlymussel, slabside (<i>Pleuroaia dolabelloides</i>)	Anthony Ford cookeville@fws.gov 931-528-6481	Endangered	Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia	78 FR 59269; 9/26/2013	USFWS 446 Neal Street Cookeville, TN 38501
<i>Insects</i>					
Butterfly, Miami blue (<i>Cyclargus</i> (= <i>Hemiargus</i>) <i>thomasi</i> <i>bethunebakeri</i>)	Roxanna Hinzman Miamiblue_5-yearreview@fws.gov 772-469-4322	Endangered	Florida	77 FR 20948; 4/6/2012	USFWS 1339 20th St Vero Beach, FL 32960
PLANTS					
Scientific name / Common name	Contact person, email, phone	Status (Endangered or Threatened)	States where the species is known to occur	Final Listing rule (<i>Federal Register</i> citation and publication date)	Contact's mailing address
<i>Flowering Plants</i>					
<i>Callicarpa ampla</i> (capa rosa)	Jose Cruz Burgos caribbean_es@fws.gov 787-851-7297	Endangered	Puerto Rico	57 FR 14782; 4/22/1992	USFWS Road 301, Km 5.1 P.O. Box 491 Boquerón, PR 00622

<i>Euphorbia telephioides</i> (telephus spurge)	Vivian Negron-Ortiz panamacity@fws.gov 850-769-0552	Threatened	Florida	51 FR 34415; 9/26/1986	USFWS 1601 Balboa Ave. Panama City, FL 32405
<i>Ilex sintenisii</i> (no common name)	Jose Cruz Burgos caribbean_es@fws.gov 787-851-7297	Endangered	Puerto Rico	57 FR 14782; 4/22/1992	USFWS Road 301, Km 5.1 P.O. Box 491 Boquerón, PR 00622
<i>Lysimachia asperulaefolia</i> (rough leaved loosestrife)	Dale Suiter Raleigh_ES@fws.gov 919-856-4520	Endangered	North Carolina, South Carolina	52 FR 22585; 6/12/1987	USFWS 551 Pylon Drive, #F Raleigh, NC 27606
<i>Silene polypetala</i> (fringed campion)	Michele Elmore georgiaes@fws.gov 706-613-9493	Endangered	Florida, Georgia,	56 FR 1932; 1/18/1991	USFWS 355 East Hancock Ave Room 320 Athens, GA 30601
<i>Scutellaria montana</i> (large-flowered skullcap)	Geoff Call cookeville@fws.gov 931-528-6481	Threatened	Georgia, Tennessee	67 FR 1662; 1/14/2002	USFWS 446 Neal Street Cookeville, TN 38501
<i>Styrax portoricensis</i> (palo de jazmin)	Jose Cruz Burgos caribbean_es@fws.gov 787-851-7297	Endangered	Puerto Rico	57 FR 14782; 4/22/1992	USFWS Road 301, Km 5.1 P.O. Box 491 Boquerón, PR 00622
<i>Ternstroemia luquillensis</i> (palo colorado)	Jose Cruz Burgos caribbean_es@fws.gov 787-851-7297	Endangered	Puerto Rico	57 FR 14782; 4/22/1992	USFWS Road 301, Km 5.1 P.O. Box 491 Boquerón, PR 00622
<i>Ternstroemia subsessilis</i> (no common name)	Jose Cruz Burgos caribbean_es@fws.gov 787-851-7297	Endangered	Puerto Rico	57 FR 14782; 4/22/1992	USFWS Road 301, Km 5.1 P.O. Box 491 Boquerón, PR 00622
<i>Trillium reliquum</i> (relict trillium)	Peter Maholland georgiaes@fws.gov 706-613-9493	Endangered	Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina	53 FR 10789; 4/4/1988	USFWS 355 East Hancock Ave Room 320 Athens, GA 30601

What Information Do We Consider In Our Review?

A 5-year review considers the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the current listing determination or most recent status review of each species, such as:

A. Species biology, including, but not limited to, population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics;

B. Habitat conditions, including, but not limited to, amount, distribution, and suitability;

C. Conservation measures that have been implemented to benefit the species;

D. Threat status and trends (see the five factors under **How Do We Determine Whether a Species is Endangered or Threatened?**); and

E. Other new information, data, or corrections, including, but not limited to, taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants, and improved analytical methods.

We request any new information concerning the status of any of these 25 species. Information submitted should be supported by documentation such as maps; bibliographic references; methods used to gather and analyze the data; and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

We may conduct a species status assessment (SSA) for some of these species. An SSA is a biological risk assessment to aid decision makers who must use the best available scientific information to make policy decisions or recommendations under the ESA. The SSA provides decision makers with a scientifically rigorous characterization

of a species' status, and of the likelihood that the species will sustain populations, along with key uncertainties in that characterization. It presents a compilation of the best available information on a species, as well as its ecological needs, based on environmental factors. An SSA also describes the current condition of the species' habitat and demographics, and probable explanations for past and ongoing changes in abundance and distribution within the species' range. Finally, it forecasts the species' response to probable future scenarios of environmental conditions and conservation efforts. Overall, an SSA uses the conservation biology principles of resiliency, redundancy, and representation (collectively known as the "3 Rs") to evaluate the current and future condition of the species. As a result, the SSA characterizes a species' ability to sustain populations in the wild over time based on the best scientific understanding of current and future abundance and distribution within the species' ecological settings.

Definitions

A. *Species* means any species or subspecies of fish, wildlife, or plant, and any distinct population segment of any species of vertebrate fish or wildlife which interbreeds when mature.

B. *Endangered* means any species that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

C. *Threatened* means any species that is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

How Do We Determine Whether A Species Is Endangered or Threatened?

Section 4(a)(1) of the ESA requires that we determine whether a species is endangered or threatened based on one or more of the following five factors:

- A. The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range;
- B. Overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes;
- C. Disease or predation;
- D. The inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; or
- E. Other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence.

Request for New Information

To do any of the following, contact the person associated with the species you are interested in under the table in **Which Species Are Under Review?**, above:

- A. To get more information on a species;
- B. To submit information on a species; or
- C. To review information we receive, which will be available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business hours, at the listed addresses.

Public Availability of Comments

Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the offices where the comments are submitted. Comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly

available at any time. While you can request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Availability of Status Reviews

All completed status reviews under the ESA are available via the Service website, at <https://www.fws.gov/endangered/species/us-species.html>.

Authority

This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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