



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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

Reviews of 14 Listed Animal and Plant 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 under the Endangered Species Act, for 4 plant and 10 animal species. A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the last review for the species. We invite comments from the public and Federal, Tribal, State, and local governments.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written information by [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 for each species, see table 1 in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request information on specific species, contact the appropriate person in table 1 in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section or, for general information, contact Laura Ragan, via telephone at 612-713-5157 or via email at laura_ragan@fws.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services.

Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are initiating 5-year status reviews under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), for 4 plant and 10 animal species. A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the last review for the species.

Why Do We Conduct 5-Year Reviews?

Under the ESA, we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). 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 <https://www.fws.gov/project/five-year-status-reviews>.

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 that benefit the species;
- (D) Threat status and trends in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in

section 4(a)(1) of the ESA); and

(E) Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

New information will be considered in the 5-year review and ongoing recovery programs for the species.

Which Species Are Under Review?

This notice announces our active 5-year status reviews of the species in table 1.

Table 1—Species Under 5-Year Status Review							
Animals							
Common name	Scientific name	Taxonomic group	Listing status (see note)	Where listed	Final listing rule (<i>Federal Register</i> citation and publication date)	Contact person, email, phone	Contact person's U.S. mail address
Mitchell's satyr	<i>Neonympha mitchellii mitchellii</i>	Butterfly	E	AL, IN, MI, MS, OH, VA	57 FR 21564; May 20, 1992	Carrie Tansy carrie_tansy@fws.gov 517-580-0284	USFWS, 2651 Coolidge Road, Suite 101, East Lansing, MI 48823
Hungerford's crawling water beetle	<i>Brychius hungerfordi</i>	Insect	E	MI	59 FR 10580; March 7, 1994	Michelle Kane michelle_kane@fws.gov 517-580-5640	USFWS, 2651 Coolidge Road, Suite 101, East Lansing, MI 48823
Eastern massasauga rattlesnake	<i>Sistrurus catenatus</i>	Reptile	T	IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, NY, OH, PA, WI	81 FR 67193; September 30, 2016	Carrie Tansy carrie_tansy@fws.gov 517-580-0284	USFWS, 2651 Coolidge Road, Suite 101, East Lansing, MI 48823
Higgins eye pearlymussel	<i>Lampsilis higginsii</i>	Mussel	E	IL, IA, MN, MO, NE, SD, WI	41 FR 24064; June 14, 1976	Nick Utrup nick_utrup@fws.gov 612-600-6122	USFWS, 3815 American Boulevard East, Bloomington, MN 55425
Curtis pearlymussel	<i>Epioblasma florentina curtisii</i> (= <i>Epioblasma curtisii</i>)	Mussel	E	AR, MO	41 FR 24062; June 14, 1976	Andy Roberts andy_roberts@fws.gov 573-239-3054	USFWS, 101 Park DeVille Drive, Suite A, Columbia, MO 65203
Scaleshell	<i>Leptodea leptodon</i> (= <i>Potamilus leptodon</i>)	Mussel	E	AR, IL, MO, NE, OK, SD	66 FR 51322; October 9, 2001	Andy Roberts andy_roberts@fws.gov 573-239-3054	USFWS, 101 Park DeVille Drive, Suite A, Columbia, MO 65203
White catspaw pearlymussel	<i>Epioblasma perobliqua</i>	Mussel	E	IN, OH	41 FR 24062; June 14, 1976	Angela Boyer angela_boyer@fws.gov 614-416-8993, ext. 122	USFWS, 4625 Morse Road, Suite 104, Columbus, OH 43230
Sheepnose	<i>Plethobasus cyphus</i>	Mussel	E	AL, IL, IN, IA, KY, MN, MS, MO, OH, PA, TN, VA, WV, WI	77 FR 14914; March 13, 2012	Sara Schmuecker sara_schmuecker@fws.gov 309-757-5800, ext. 203	USFWS, 1511 47th Avenue, Moline, IL 61265
Eastern hellbender (MO DPS)	<i>Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis</i>	Amphibian	E	MO	86 FR 13465; March 9, 2021	Trisha Crabill trisha_crabill@fws.gov 573-530-7534	USFWS, 101 Park DeVille Drive, Suite A, Columbia, MO 65203

Grotto sculpin	<i>Cottus specus</i>	Fish	E	MO	78 FR 58938; September 25, 2013	Vona Kuczynska <i>vona_kuczynska@fws.gov</i> 573-540-3835	USFWS, 101 Park DeVill Drive, Suite A, Columbia, MO 65203
Plants							
Houghton's goldenrod	<i>Solidago houghtonii</i>	Plant	T	MI, NY	53 FR 27134; July 18, 1988	Diana Digges <i>diana_digges@fws.gov</i> 517-351-5244	USFWS, 2651 Coolidge Road, Suite 101, East Lansing, MI 48823
Eastern prairie fringed orchid	<i>Platanthera leucophaea</i>	Plant	T	IL, IN, IA, ME, MI, MO, OH, VA, WI	54 FR 39857; September 28, 1989	Cathy Pollack <i>cathy_pollack@fws.gov</i> 309-757-5800	USFWS, 1511 47th Avenue, Moline, IL 61265
Western prairie fringed orchid	<i>Platanthera praeclara</i>	Plant	T	IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD	54 FR 39857; September 28, 1989	Dawn Marsh <i>dawn_marsh@fws.gov</i> 612-283-8054	USFWS, 3815 American Boulevard East, Bloomington, MN 55425
Leedy's roseroot	<i>Rhodiola integrifolia</i> ssp. <i>leedyi</i>	Plant	T	MN, NY, SD	57 FR 14649; April 22, 1992	Dawn Marsh <i>dawn_marsh@fws.gov</i> 612-283-8054	USFWS, 3815 American Boulevard East, Bloomington, MN 55425

Note: E= endangered; T= threatened.

Request for Information

To ensure that a 5-year review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. See “**What Information Do We Consider in Our Review?**” for specific criteria. If you submit information, please support it with 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.

How Do I Ask Questions or Provide Information?

If you wish to provide information for any species listed above, please submit your comments and materials to the appropriate contact in table 1. You may also direct questions to those contacts.

Public Availability of Comments

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 ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority

We publish this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

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