



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 Species in the Southwest

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 conducting 5-year status reviews of 14 animal and plant species under the Endangered Species Act. 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 reviews for the species.

DATES: To ensure consideration, we are requesting submission of new information no later than [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

ADDRESSES: For details on how to request or submit information, see **Request for Information and How Do I Ask Questions or Provide Information?** in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on a particular species, contact the appropriate person or office listed in the table in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. For general information, contact Beth Forbus, by telephone at 505-318-8972 or by email at Beth_Forbus@fws.gov.

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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 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 status reviews, refer to our factsheet at <https://www.fws.gov/project/five-year-status-reviews>.

What Information Do We Consider in Our Review?

A 5-year status review considers all new information available at the time of the review. In conducting these reviews, we consider the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the listing determination or most recent status review, 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.

Any new information will be considered during the 5-year status review and will also be useful in evaluating the ongoing recovery programs for the species.

Which Species Are Under Review?

The species in table 1 are under active 5-year status review.

Table 1—Species Under Active 5-Year Status Review						
ANIMALS						
Common Name	Scientific Name	Listing Status	Lead State	Final listing rule (<i>Federal Register</i> citation and publication date)	Contact Person, Phone, Email	Contact Person’s U.S. Mail Address
Georgetown salamander	<i>Eurycea naufragia</i>	Threatened	Texas	79 FR 10236 02/24/2014	Field Supervisor, 512-937-7371 (phone) or <i>esaustininfo@fw s.gov</i> (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 1505 Ferguson Lane, Austin, TX 78754
Jollyville Plateau salamander	<i>Eurycea tonkawae</i>	Threatened	Texas	78 FR 51278 08/20/2013		
Salado salamander	<i>Eurycea chisholmensis</i>	Threatened	Texas	79 FR 10236 02/24/2014		
Sharpnose shiner	<i>Notropis oxyrhynchus</i>	Endangered	Texas	79 FR 45273 08/04/2014	Field Supervisor, 281–286–8282 (phone) or <i>houstonesfo@fw s.gov</i> (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas Coastal and Central Plains Ecological Services Field Office, 17629 El Camino Real, Suite 211, Houston, TX 77058
Smalleye shiner	<i>Notropis buccula</i>	Endangered	Texas	79 FR 45273 08/04/2014		
New Mexican ridge-nosed rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus willardi obscurus</i>	Threatened	New Mexico	43 FR 34476 08/04/1978	Field Supervisor, 505-346-2525 (phone) or <i>nmesfo@fws.gov</i> (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office, 2105 Osuna NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113
PLANTS						
Fickeisen Plains cactus	<i>Pediocactus peeblesianus fickeiseniae</i>	Endangered	Arizona	78 FR 60607 10/01/2013	Field Supervisor, 602–242–0210 (phone) or <i>incomingazcorr @fws.gov</i> (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Ecological Services Office, 9828 North 31st Avenue, #C3, Phoenix, AZ 85051–2517
Texas wild-rice	<i>Zizania texana</i>	Endangered	Texas	43 FR 17910 04/26/1978	Field Supervisor, 512-937-7371 (phone) or <i>esaustininfo@fw s.gov</i> (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 1505 Ferguson Lane, Austin, TX 78754

Black lace cactus	<i>Echinocereus reichenbach</i>	Endangered	Texas	44 FR 61918 10/26/1979	Field Supervisor, 281-286-8282 (phone) or <i>houstonesfo@fw s.gov</i> (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas Coastal and Central Plains Ecological Services Field Office, 17629 El Camino Real, Suite 211, Houston, TX 77058
Star cactus	<i>Astrophytum asterias</i>	Endangered	Texas	58 FR 53804 10/18/1993		
Walker's manioc	<i>Manihot walkerae</i>	Endangered	Texas	56 FR 49850 10/02/1991		
Neches River rose-mallow	<i>Hibiscus dasycalyx</i>	Threatened	Texas	78 FR 56025 09/11/2013		
Zuni fleabane	<i>Erigeron rhizomatus</i>	Threatened	New Mexico	50 FR 16680 04/26/1985	Field Supervisor, 505-346-2525 (phone) or <i>nmesfo@fws.gov</i> (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office, 2105 Osuna NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113
Holy Ghost ipomopsis	<i>Ipomopsis sancti-spiritus</i>	Endangered	New Mexico	59 FR 13836 03/23/1994		

Request for Information

To ensure that a 5-year status 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 under review, please submit your comments and materials to the appropriate contact in table 1. You may also direct questions to those contacts. For general questions, contact the person under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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.

Completed and Active Reviews

A list of all completed and currently active 5-year status reviews can be found at <https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/species-five-year-review>.

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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