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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 81 Southeastern Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of status reviews.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are initiating 5-year status reviews under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, for 81 species (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). A 5-year status review is based on an assessment of the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We ask the public to submit any new information relevant to the status of any of the species listed in this notice or their habitats.

DATES: These status reviews were announced on **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: We will accept new information about these or any listed species at any time. For instructions on how and where to submit information for a species named in these status reviews, see table 1 in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. Additional information on status reviews is available at https://www.fws.gov/project/five-year-status-reviews.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request information, contact the appropriate person in Table 1 in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. For general information or to submit information by mail, contact Bradly Potter, via phone at 517–643–7965, via email at R4Recovery@fws.gov, or via U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30345.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are announcing 5-year status reviews under the ESA for 81 species which include 47 animal species and 34 plant species. A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We ask the public to submit at any time any new information relevant to the status of any of the species listed in Table 1 below.

Why Do We Conduct 5-Year Status Reviews?

Under the ESA, we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List) in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for wildlife) and 50 CFR 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 species under active review. For additional information about 5-year status reviews, refer to our fact sheet at https://www.fws.gov/project/five-year-status-reviews.

What Information Do We Consider in Our Reviews?

A 5-year status review considers the best scientific and commercial data regarding the species. Such information includes:

(A) Species biology, including but not limited to population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, habitat requirements, tolerance thresholds, and genetics;

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

(C) Conservation measures that have been or are planned to be implemented to benefit the species;

(D) Current threats and trends in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section

4(a)(1) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1533(a)(1)); and

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

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

Which Species Are Under Review?

This notice announces 5-year status reviews for the species listed in Table 1. For additional information on the species, see our website at https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/ and enter the species name in the search box.

TABLE 1—SPECIES UNDER REVIEW.

Taxonomic group	Common name	Scientific name	Listing status (see note)	Locations where the species is known to occur	Email Contact
Animals					
Amphibian	Guajon	*Eleutherodactylus cooki*	T	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Amphibian	Golden coqui	*Eleutherodactylus jasperi*	T	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Amphibian	Puerto Rican crested toad	*Peltophryne lemur*	T	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Birds	White-necked crow	*Corvus leucognaphalus*	E	Dominican Republic, Haiti	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Birds	Elfin-woods warbler	*Setophaga angelae*	T	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Birds	Roseate tern	*Sterna dougallii dougallii*	T	FL, PR, VI	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Clams	Cumberland elktoe	*Alasmidonta atropurpurea*	E	KY, TN.	cookeville@fws.gov
Clams	Appalachian elktoe	*Alasmidonta raveneliana*	E	NC, SC, TN	fw4esasheville@fws.gov
Clams	Tapered pigtoe	*Fusconaia burkei*	T	AL, FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Clams	Finerayed pigtoe	*Fusconaia cuneolus*	E	AL, TN, VA	cookeville@fws.gov
Clams	Narrow pigtoe	*Fusconaia escambia*	T	AL, FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Clams	Atlantic pigtoe	*Fusconaia masoni*	T	NC, VA	Raleigh_ES@fws.gov,
Clams	Southern sandshell	*Hamiota australis*	T	AL, FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Clams	Louisiana pearlshell	*Margaritifera hembeli*	T	LA	lafayette@fws.gov
Clams	Suwannee moccasinshell	*Medionidus walkeri*	T	FL, GA	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Clams	Choctaw bean	*Obovaria choctawensis*	E	AL, FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Clams	Canoe Creek clubshell	*Pleurobema athearni*	E	AL	alabama@fws.gov
Clams	Fuzzy pigtoe	*Pleurobema strodeanum*	T	AL, FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Clams	Cumberland pigtoe	*Pleuronaia gibber*	E	TN	cookeville@fws.gov
Clams	Southern kidneyshell	*Ptychobranchus jonesi*	E	AL, FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Clams	Round ebonyshell	*Reginaia rotulata*	E	AL, FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov

Crustaceans	Slenderclaw crayfish	*Cambarus cracens*	E	AL	alabama@fws.gov
Crustaceans	Squirrel Chimney Cave shrimp	*Palaemonetes cummingi*	T	FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Crustaceans	Kentucky cave shrimp	*Palaemonias ganteri*	E	KY	kentuckyes@fws.gov
Crustaceans	Panama City crayfish	*Procambarus econfinae*	T	FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Fishes	Atlantic Sturgeon (Gulf subspecies)	*Acipenser oxyrinchus (=oxyrhynchus) desotoi*	T	AL, FL, GA, LA, MS	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Fishes	Bluemask (=jewel) darter	*Etheostoma akatulo*	E	TN	cookeville@fws.gov
Fishes	Kentucky arrow darter	*Etheostoma spilotum*	T	KY, VA	kentuckyes@fws.gov
Fishes	Barrens topminnow	*Fundulus julisia*	E	TN	cookeville@fws.gov
Fishes	Cape Fear shiner	*Notropis mekistocholas*	E	NC	Raleigh_ES@fws.gov
Fishes	Blackside dace	*Phoxinus cumberlandensis*	T	KY, TN, VA	kentuckyes@fws.gov
Insects	Miami tiger beetle	*Cicindelidia floridana*	E	FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Mammals	Carolina northern flying squirrel	*Glaucomys sabrinus coloratus*	E	NC, TN, VA	fw4esasheville@fws.gov
Mammals	Silver rice rat	*Oryzomys palustris natator*	E	FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Mammals	Lower Keys marsh rabbit	*Sylvilagus palustris hefneri*	E	FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Reptiles	American crocodile	*Crocodylus acutus*	T	FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Reptiles	Mona ground iguana	*Cyclura stejnegeri*	T	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Reptiles	Puerto Rican boa	*Epicrates inornatus*	E	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Reptiles	Black pinesnake	*Pituophis melanoleucus lodingi*	T	AL, MS	mississippi_field_office@fws.gov
Snails	Painted snake coiled forest snail	*Anguispira picta*	T	TN	cookeville@fws.gov
Snails	Lacy elimia (snail)	*Elimia crenatella*	T	AL	alabama@fws.gov
Snails	Round rocksnail	*Leptoxis ampla*	T	AL	alabama@fws.gov
Snails	Plicate rocksnail	*Leptoxis plicata*	E	AL	alabama@fws.gov
Snails	Painted rocksnail	*Leptoxis taeniata*	T	AL	alabama@fws.gov
Snails	Flat pebblesnail	*Lepyrium showalteri*	E	AL	alabama@fws.gov

Snails	Cylindrical lioplax (snail)	*Lioplax cyclostomaformis*	E	AL	alabama@fws.gov
Snails	Rough hornsnail	*Pleurocera foremani*	E	AL	alabama@fws.gov
Plants					
Ferns and Allies	No common name	*Elaphoglossum serpens*	E	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Ferns and Allies	No common name	*Polystichum calderonense*	E	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Ferns and Allies	No common name	*Tectaria estremerana*	E	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Price's potato-bean	*Apios priceana*	T	AL, IL, KY, MS, TN	mississippi_field_office@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Four-petal pawpaw	*Asimina tetramera*	E	FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	No common name	*Auerodendron pauciflorum*	E	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Palma de manaca	*Calyptronoma rivalis*	T	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Golden sedge	*Carex lutea*	E	NC	Raleigh_ES@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Fragrant prickly-apple	*Cereus eriophorus* var. *fragrans*	E	FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	No common name	*Chamaecrista glandulosa* var. *mirabilis*	E	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Garber's spurge	*Chamaesyce garberi*	T	FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Alabama leather flower	*Clematis socialis*	E	AL, GA	mississippi_field_office@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Short-leaved rosemary	*Conradina brevifolia*	E	FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Apalachicola rosemary	*Conradina glabra*	E	FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	No common name	*Cranichis ricartii*	E	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Higüero de sierra	*Crescentia portoricensis*	E	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Beautiful pawpaw	*Deeringothamnus pulchellus*	E	FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Uvillo	*Eugenia haematocarpa*	E	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov

Flowering Plants	Harper's beauty	*Harperocallis flava*	E	FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	No common name	*Leptocereus grantianus*	E	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Pondberry	*Lindera melissifolia*	E	AL, AR, GA, MS, MO, NC, SC, TN	mississippi_field_office@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Scrub lupine	*Lupinus aridorum*	E	FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Mohr's Barbara's buttons	*Marshallia mohrii*	T	AL, GA	mississippi_field_office@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	No common name	*Myrcia paganii*	E	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Canby's dropwort	*Oxypolis canbyi*	E	DE, GA, MA, NC, SC	charleston_recovery@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	White fringeless orchid	*Platanthera integrilabia*	T	AL, GA, KY, MS, SC, TN	cookeville@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Chupacallos	*Pleodendron macranthum*	E	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Miccosukee gooseberry	*Ribes echinellum*	T	FL, SC	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	No common name	*Schoepfia arenaria*	T	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Marron bacora	*Solanum conocarpum*	E	VI	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Erubia	*Solanum drymophilum*	E	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Bariaco	*Trichilia triacantha*	E	PR	caribbean_es@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	Wide-leaf warea	*Warea amplexifolia*	E	FL	Florida_5YR@fws.gov
Flowering Plants	St. Thomas prickly-ash	*Zanthoxylum thomasianum*	E	PR, VI	caribbean_es@fws.gov

Note: E= endangered; T= threatened.

New Information

To ensure that a 5-year status review is based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we ask that any new information is submitted using one of the methods identified under **ADDRESSES:** (also see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). When submitting information, please support said information by supplying documentation such as maps; references; methods used to gather and analyze the data; and/or copies of any pertinent scientific journal articles, other publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your submission, you should be aware that your entire submission—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time.

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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