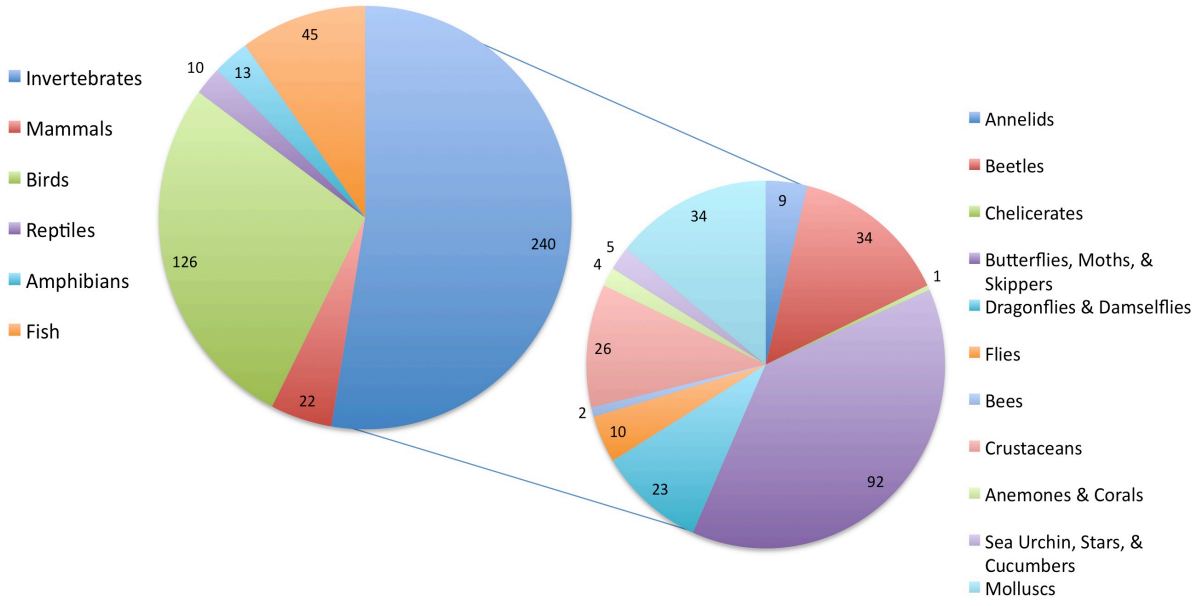
RI Wildlife Action Plan Update & Final SGCN List

Over the course of the last year, many of our state's highly respected natural resource and wildlife specialists worked diligently to determine the Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) in Rhode Island. This list identifies those wildlife species that are in decline or vulnerable with the hope of providing conservation before they become endangered. The intent is to keep common species common and reverse and recover the declining populations. Using these sensitive fish and wildlife species as indicators of the overall health of our state's environment, along with the updated Wildlife Action Plan (WAP), we can help protect the land, air and water that keep Rhode Islanders healthy for future generations. Thanks to the additional input from the Scientific Review Team, a diverse group of 125 conservationists (individuals and organizations), the final list for Rhode Island's 2015 WAP is confirmed!

With this SGCN list of fish and wildlife, as well as information concerning habitat and conservation threats, the Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) for 2015 is well on its way to being updated. A total of 456 species are represented on the SGCN list and the numbers of each of the taxonomic classifications revealed in the graph below.

Rhode Island
Species of Greatest Conservation Need



SGCN Mammals of Rhode Island

Of the 22 mammals on the SGCN list, almost half are bats. White Nose Syndrome, an emerging disease that is usually fatal to its host, has devastated New England's bat populations. Recognizing these nine vulnerable bat species and this serious threat will help in the planning and protection of these animals, in order to prevent further declines in their populations.

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Five mammal species are marine mammals, including three large whales that use our coast. Several vulnerable small mammals rely on wetlands and emphasize the importance of working towards improved water quality on the land around our ponds, rivers and streams that eventually feed into the Narragansett Bay and the Atlantic Ocean.

Mammals (22)	
Common Name	**Species Name**
American water shrew	*Sorex (Otisorex) palustris*
big brown bat	*Eptesicus fuscus*
black bear	*Ursus americanus*
Block Island meadow vole	*Microtus pennsylvanicus*
bobcat	*Lynx rufus*
Eastern mole	*Scalopus aquaticus*
Eastern red bat	*Lasiurus borealis*
Eastern small-footed myotis	*Myotis leibii*
fin whale	*Balaenoptera physalus*
harbor porpoise	*Phocoena phocoena*
harbor seal	*Phoca vitulina*
hoary bat	*Lasiurus cinereus*
humpback whale	*Megaptera novaeangliae*
Indiana bat	*Myotis sodalis*
little brown myotis	*Myotis lucifugus*
New England cottontail	*Sylvilagus transitionalis*
North Atlantic right whale	*Eubalaena glacialis*

Northern long-eared bat	*Myotis septentrionalis*
silver-haired bat	*Lasionycteris noctivagans*
smoky shrew	*Sorex (Otisorex) fumeus*
Southern bog lemming	*Synaptomys cooperi*
tri-colored bat	*Perimyotis subflavus*

SGCN Birds of Rhode Island

Almost one-third of the approximate 416 species of birds that occur in Rhode Island are considered SGCN and in need of conservation attention. This figure is fairly consistent with nation-wide estimates, as almost half of shorebirds and 64% of shrubland birds, like the yellow-breasted chat (*Icteria virens*) pictured to the left, are exhibiting population declines. Long-term declines have resulted in state, regional, and national programs to measure and track bird populations to investigate and address these declines. New data from these monitoring programs, coupled with advances in mapping, give promise for continued improvements in management and conservation of these inspirational winged creatures. They are our "canaries in the coal mine" and tell us a lot about the declining condition of the habitats both they and humans face.

Birds (126)	
Common Name	**Species Name**
Acadian flycatcher	*Empidonax virescens*
American black duck	*Anas rubripes*
American kestrel	*Falco sparverius*
American oystercatcher	*Haematopus palliates*
American redstart	*Setophaga ruticilla*
American wigeon	*Anas Americana*
American woodcock	*Scolopax minor*
Atlantic brant	*Branta bernicla*
bald eagle	*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*

bank swallow	*Riparia riparia*
barn owl	*Tyto alba*
black scoter	*Melanitta Americana*
black-and-white warbler	*Mniotilta varia*
black-bellied plover	*Pluvialis squatarola*
black-billed cuckoo	*Coccyzus erythropthalmus*
black-crowned night heron	*Nycticorax nycticorax*
black-throated blue warbler	*Setophaga caerulescens*
blackburnian warbler	*Setophaga fusca*
blackpoll warbler	*Setophaga striata*
blue-headed vireo	*Vireo solitarius*
blue-winged warbler	*Vermivora cyanoptera*
bobolink	*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*
brown thrasher	*Toxostoma rufum*
bufflehead	*Bucephala albeola*
Canada goose - Atlantic population	*Branta canadensis*
Canada goose - North Atlantic population	*Branta canadensis*
Canada warbler	*Cardellina canadensis*
canvasback	*Aythya valisineria*
cerulean warbler	*Setophaga cerulea*
chestnut-sided warbler	*Setophaga pensylvanica*
chimney swift	*Chaetura pelagica*
clapper rail	*Rallus longirostris*
common eider	*Somateria mollissima*
common goldeneye	*Bucephala clangula*
common loon	*Gavia immer*
common tern	*Sterna hirundo*
Cory's shearwater	*Calonectris diomedea*
dunlin	*Calidris alpina*
Eastern bluebird	*Sialia sialis*
Eastern kingbird	*Tyrannus tyrannus*
Eastern meadowlark	*Sturnella magna*
Eastern towhee	*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*

Eastern whip-poor-will	*Antrostomus vociferous*
field sparrow	*Spizella pusilla*
gadwall	*Anas strepera*
glossy ibis	*Plegadis falcinellus*
grasshopper sparrow	*Ammodramus savannarum*
gray catbird	*Dumetella carolinensis*
great crested flycatcher	*Myiarchus crinitus*
great egret	*Ardea alba*
great shearwater	*Puffinus gravis*
greater scaup	*Aythya marila*
greater yellowlegs	*Tringa melanoleuca*
green-winged teal	*Anas crecca*
hairy woodpecker	*Picoides villosus*
harlequin duck	*Histrionicus histrionicus*
herring gull	*Larus argentatus*
hooded merganser	*Lophodytes cucullatus*
hooded warbler	*Setophaga citrina*
horned grebe	*Podiceps auritus*
horned lark	*Eremophila alpestris*
indigo bunting	*Passerina cyanea*
king rail	*Rallus elegans*
least bittern	*Ixobrychus exilis (hesperis)*
least flycatcher	*Empidonax minimus*
least sandpiper	*Calidris minutilla*
least tern	*Sternula antillarum*
lesser scaup	*Aythya affinis*
marsh wren	*Cistothorus palustris*
Nashville warbler	*Vermivora ruficapilla*
Nelson's sparrow	*Ammadramus nelsoni*
Northern bobwhite	*Colinus virginianus*
Northern flicker	*Colaptes auratus*
Northern gannet	*Morus bassanus*
Northern goshawk	*Accipiter gentilis*
Northern harrier	*Circus cyaneus*
Northern parula	*Setophaga americana*

Northern pintail	*Anas acuta*
Northern waterthrush	*Parkesia noveboracensis*
osprey	*Pandion haliaetus*
peregrine falcon	*Falco peregrinus*
pied-billed grebe	*Podilymbus podiceps*
pileated woodpecker	*Dryocopus pileatus*
piping plover	*Charadrius melodus*
prairie warbler	*Setophaga discolor*
prothonotary warbler	*Protonotaria citrea*
purple finch	*Haemorhous purpureus*
purple sandpiper	*Calidris maritima*
razorbill	*Alca torda*
red knot	*Calidris canutus*
red-breasted merganser	*Mergus serrator*
red-throated loon	*Gavia stellata*
rose-breasted grosbeak	*Pheucticus ludovicianus*
roseate tern	*Sterna dougallii*
ruddy duck	*Oxyura jamaicensis*
ruddy turnstone	*Arenaria interpres*
ruffed grouse	*Bonasa umbellus*
rusty blackbird	*Euphagus carolinus*
saltmarsh sparrow	*Ammodramus caudacutus*
sanderling	*Calidris alba*
savannah sparrow	*Passerculus sandwichensis*
scarlet tanager	*Piranga olivacea*
seaside sparrow	*Ammodramus maritimus*
semipalmated plover	*Charadrius semipalmatus*
semipalmated sandpiper	*Calidris pusilla*
short-billed dowitcher	*Limnodromus griseus*
short-eared owl	*Asio flammeus*
snowy egret	*Egretta thula*
sora	*Porzana carolina*
spotted sandpiper	*Actitis macularia*
surf scoter	*Melanitta perspicillata*
tree swallow	*Tachycineta bicolor*

veery	*Catharus fuscenscens*
Virginia rail	*Rallus limicola*
white-rumped sandpiper	*Calidris fuscicollis*
white-winged scoter	*Melanitta deglandi*
willet	*Tringa semipalmata*
willow flycatcher	*Empidonax traillii*
Wilson's snipe	*Gallinago delicata*
wood duck	*Aix sponsa*
wood thrush	*Hylocichla mustelina*
yellow-billed cuckoo	*Coccyzus americanus*
yellow-breasted chat	*Icteria virens*
yellow-crowned night heron	*Nyctanassa violacea*
yellow-rumped warbler	*Setophaga coronata*
yellow-throated vireo	*Vireo flavifrons*

SGCN Reptiles and Amphibians (Herptofauna) of Rhode Island

Rhode Island hosts a total of 45 species of reptiles and amphibians. Their sensitive habitat needs often include healthy aquatic environments, so it is no surprise that over half of Rhode Island's herptofauna (23 species) are listed as Rhode Island SGCN. Four of the reptiles are federally protected sea turtles. Species like the marbled salamander (*Ambystoma opacum*) pictured here rarely enter water, but require damp, undisturbed forests floors in order to survive.

Herptofauna (23)	
Common Name	**Species Name**
Reptiles (13)	
Atlantic green turtle	*Chelonia mydas mydas*
common ribbonsnake	*Thamnophis sauritus sauritus*
Eastern hog-nosed snake	*Heterodon platirhinos*
Eastern ratsnake	*Pantherophis alleganiensis*

Kemp's ridley turtle	*Lepidochelys kempii*
leatherback turtle	*Dermochelys coriacea*
loggerhead turtle	*Caretta caretta*
Northern black racer	*Coluber constrictor constrictor*
Northern diamond-backed terrapin	*Malaclemys terrapin terrapin*
spotted turtle	*Clemmys guttata*
timber rattlesnake	*Crotalus horridus*
wood turtle	*Glyptemys insculpta*
woodland box turtle	*Terrapene carolina carolina*
Amphibians (10)	
Eastern spadefoot	*Scaphiopus holbrookii*
four-toed salamander	*Hemidactylium scutatum*
Fowler's toad	*Anaxyrus fowleri*
marbled salamander	*Ambystoma opacum*
Northern dusky salamander	*Desmognathus fuscus*
Northern leopard frog	*Lithobates pipiens*
Northern spring salamander	*Gyrinophilus porphyriticus porphyriticus*
red-spotted newt	*Notophthalmus viridescens viridescens*
spotted salamander	*Ambystoma maculatum*
wood frog	*Lithobates sylvaticus*

SGCN Fish of Rhode Island

Maintaining healthy waters is of prime importance in Rhode Island, with over 400 miles of coastline, 50 lakes and ponds, and 60 rivers. The 45 fish species listed as SGCN help Rhode Island focus on maintaining and improving these treasured waters for future generations. Many of the fish listed as SGCN, like the alewife (*Alosa pseudoharengus*) pictured to the right, are anadromous, meaning that they are born in fresh water, live most of their life in the sea, and return to freshwater to spawn. The American eel (*Anguilla rostrata*) is catadromous and

does the opposite during its life span, which can exceed 50 years! As these fish are dependent upon multiple habitat types for their longevity and face perils and barriers such as dams and pollution, the RI WAP will recommend actions for improving their ability to thrive and provide clean water for both fish and humans in Rhode Island waters.

Fish (45)	
Common Name	**Species Name**
alewife	*Alosa pseudoharengus*
American brook lamprey	*Lampetra appendix*
American eel	*Anguilla rostrata*
American sand lance	*Ammodytes americanus*
American shad	*Alosa sapidissima*
Atlantic cod	*Gaddus morhua*
Atlantic herring	*Clupea harengus*
Atlantic menhaden	*Brevoortia tyrannus*
Atlantic salmon	*Salmo salar*
Atlantic silverside	*Menidia menidia*
Atlantic sturgeon	*Acipenser oxyrinchus*
Atlantic tomcod	*Microgadus tomcod*
bay anchovy	*Anchoa mitchilli*
black sea bass	*Centropristis striata*
blacknose dace	*Rhinichthys atratulus*
blueback herring	*Alosa aestivalis*
bluefish	*Pomatomus saltatrix*
bridle shiner	*Notropis bifrenatus*
brook trout	*Salvelinus fontinalis*
butterfish	*Poronotus triacanthus*
common shiner	*Luxilus cornutus*
false albacore	*Euthynnus alletteratus*
grubby sculpin	*Myoxocephalus aenaeous*
hogchoker	*Trinectes maculatus*
inland silverside	*Menidia beryllina*
lined seahorse	*Hippocampus erectus*
mummichog	*Fundulus heteroclitus*
Northern sea robin	*Prionotus carolinus*
oyster toadfish	*Opsanus tau*

Pollock	*Pollathius birens*
rainbow smelt	*Osmerus mordax*
rainwater killifish	*Lucania parva*
redbreast sunfish*	*Lepomis auritus*
sand tiger	*Carcharias taurus*
sheepshead minnow	*Cyprinodon variegatus*
skates (sp)	*Raja* spp.
spiny dogfish	*Squalus acanthius*
spotfin killifish	*Fundulus luciae*
sticklebacks	*Gasterosteus spp*
striped killifish	*Fundulus majalis*
tautog	*Tautoga onitis*
weakfish	*Cynoscion regalis*
white perch	*Morone americana*
windowpane	*Scophthalmus aquosus*
winter flounder	*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*

SGCN Invertebrates of Rhode Island

Invertebrates, such as the hairy-necked tiger beetle below, represent over half of the wildlife considered SGCN in Rhode Island, with 240 species listed. Ranging from tiny terrestrial insects to a wide variety of aquatic mussels, invertebrates make up a huge percentage of the base of Rhode Island's natural food chains, and so are especially important as indicators for over all ecosystem health.

Big Sand Tiger Beetle (*Cicindela formosa*) found in West Greenwich.

Invertebrates (240)	
Common Name	**Species Name**
Annelids (9)	
bamboo worm	*Clymenella torquata*
blood worm	*Glycera dibranchiata*
clam worm	*Alitta virens*
cone worm	*Pectinaria gouldii*
coral worm	*Dodecaceria coralii*
parchment tube worm	*Spiochaetopterus costarum oculatus*
parchment worm	*Chaetopterus variopedatus*
red gilled worm	*Marphysa belli*
tube worm	*Diopatra cuprea*
Arthropods (187)	
Beetles (34)	
9-spotted lady beetle/ladybug	*Coccinella novemnotata*
American burying beetle	*Nicrophorus americanus*
bambardier beetle	*Brachinus cyanipennis*
big sand tiger beetle	*Cicindela formosa generosa*
common claybank tiger beetle	*Cicindela limbalis*
cow path tiger beetle	*Cicindela purpurea purpurea*
diving beetle	*Cybister fimbriolatus*
dung beetle	*Copris fricator*
dung beetle	*Dichotomius carolinus*
Eastern red-bellied tiger beetle	*Cicindela rufiventris rufiventris*
elderberry borer	*Desmocerus palliatus*
festive tiger beetle	*Cinidela scutellaris rugifrons*
flea beetle	*Phyllotreta chalybeipennis*
goldsmith beetle	*Cotalpa lanigera*
ground beetle	*Bembidion confusum*
ground beetle	*Bembidion semicinctum*
ground beetle	*Carabus serratus*
ground beetle	*Carabus sylvosus*
ground beetle	*Carabus vinctus*
ground beetle	*Omophron tesselatum*

ground beetle (Eastern snail eater)	*Scaphinotus elevatus*
hairy-necked tiger beetle	*Cicindela hirticollis rhodensis*
hister beetle	*Spilodiscus arcuatus*
margined tiger beetle	*Cicindela marginata*
oblique-lined tiger beetle	*Cicindela tranquebarica tranquebarica*
tumblebugs (dung beetle)	*Canthon pilularius*
tumblebugs (dung beetle)	*Canthon vigilans*
	Agonum darlingtoni
	Alobates morio
	Amara chalcea
	Anaedus brunneus
	Calathus ingratus
	Calosoma wilcox
	Geopinus incrassatus
Butterflies, Moths, and Skippers (92)	
Benjamin's abagrotis	*Abagrotis nefascia benjamini*
Acadian hairstreak	*Satyrium acadicum*
achemon sphinx	*Eumorpha achemon*
American brindle moth	*Lithomoia germana*
Angus's datana	*Datana angusii*
aphrodite fritillary	*Speyeria aphrodite*
barrens chaetaglaea	*Chaetaglaea tremula*
barrens xylotype	*Xylotype capax*
bay underwing	*Catocala badia*
big poplar sphinx	*Pachysphinx modesta*
black dash	*Euphyes conspicua*
black-dotted ruddy moth	*Ilexia intractata*
blueberry sallow	*Sympistis dentata*
bog copper	*Lycaena epixanthe*
bog oligia	*Oligia minuscula*
bog tiger moth	*Grammia speciosa*
bronze copper	*Lycaena hyllus*
cecropia moth	*Hyalophora cecropia*
chain fern borer moth	*Papaipema stenocelis*

charming underwing	*Catocala blandula*
chokeberry underwing	*Catocala crataegi*
coastal swamp metarranthis	*Metarranthis pilosaria*
cobweb skipper	*Hesperia metea*
contracted datana	*Datana contracta*
dusted skipper	*Atrytonopsis hianna*
Eastern buck moth	*Hemileuca maia*
Edward's hairstreak	*Satyrium edwardsii*
four-spotted speraza moth	*Speranza coortaria*
fragile dagger moth	*Acronicta fragilis*
frosted elfin	*Callophrys* (Decid.) *irus (Baptisia* type*)* AND *Callophrys* (Decid.) *irus (Lupine* type*)*
geometrid moth	*Speranza sulphurea*
Hanham's owlet	*Phalaenostola hanhami*
Henry's elfin	*Callophrys henrici*
hermit sphinx	*Sphinx eremitus*
Hessel's hairstreak	*Callophrys hesseli*
hickory hairstreak	*Satyrium caryaevorum*
hoary elfin	*Callophrys polios*
included cordgrass borer moth	*Photedes includens*
joyful holomelina moth	*Virbia laeta*
laurel sphinx	*Sphinx kalmiae*
little virgin tiger moth	*Grammia virguncula*
lost sallow moth	*Eupsilia devia*
Louisiana owlet moth	*Macrochilo louisiana*
marooning moth	*Sideridis maryx*
meadow fritillary	*Boloria bellona*
noctuid moth	*Apamea inebriata*
noctuid moth	*Eucoptocnemis fimbriaris*
noctuid moth	*Hyperstrotia flaviguttata*
noctuid moth	*Metaxaglaea violacea*
noctuid moth	*Oligia bridghami*
noctuid moth	*Psaphida thaxterianus*
noctuid moth	*Sideridis congermana*

noctuid moth	*Sympistis riparia*
noctuid moth	*Zale curema*
noctuid moth	*Zale submediana*
olive hairstreak	*Callophrys gryneus*
pale greeen pinion moth	*Lithophane viridipallens*
persius duskywing	*Erynnis persius*
pine barrens zale	*Zale lunifera*
pine barrens zanclognatha	*Zanclognatha martha*
pink-border yellow	*Phytometra rhodarialis*
pitcher plant borer	*Papaipema appassionata*
pitcher plant moth	*Exyra fax*
polished dart moth	*Euxoa perpolita*
promethia silkmoth	*Callosamia promethea*
purple plagodis moth	*Plagodis kuetzingi*
scarlet-winged lichen moth	*Hypoprepia miniata*
scrub euchlaena moth	*Euchlaena madusaria*
sharp-lined powder moth	*Eufidonia discospilata*
short-lined chocolate	*Argyrostrotis anilis*
silver-bordered fritillary	*Boloria selene*
sleepy duskywing	*Erynnis brizo*
spotted dartmoth	*Agrotis stigmosa*
spotted datana	*Datana perspicua*
Thaxter's pinon moth	*Lithophane thaxteri*
triton daggermoth	*Acronicta tritona*
tufted sedge moth	*Hypocoena inquinata*
tulip tree silkworm	*Callosamia angulifera*
twin-dotted macrochilo moth	*Macrochilo hypocritalis*
unexpected cycnia	*Cycnia inopinatus*
venus flytrap cutworm	*Hemipachnobia subporphyrea*
violet dart moth	*Euxoa violaris*
waved sphinx	*Ceratomia undulosa*
wild cherry sphinx	*Sphinx drupiferarum*
	Capis curvata
	Catocala n. sp.
	Conservula anodonta

	Darapsa versicolor
	Dargida rubripennis
	Derrima stellata
	Leucania extincta
	Scopula purata
Dragonflies and Damselflies (23)	
American rubyspot	*Hetaerina americana*
arrow clubtail	*Stylurus spiniceps*
arrowhead spiketail	*Cordulegaster obliqua*
backwater bluet	*Enallagma weewa*
brook snaketail	*Ophiogomphus aspersus*
comet darner	*Anax longipes*
common sanddragon	*Progomphus obscurus*
coppery emerald	*Somatochlora georgiana*
crimson-ringed whiteface	*Leucorrhinia glacialis*
delta-spotted spiketail	*Cordulegaster diastatops*
lyre-tipped spreadwing	*Lestes unguiculatus*
Maine snaketail	*Ophiogomphus mainensis*
mustached clubtail	*Gomphus adelphus*
pine barrens bluet	*Enallagma recurvatum*
ringed boghaunter	*Williamsonia lintneri*
scarlet bluet	*Enallagma pictum*
Southern pygmy clubtail	*Lanthus vernalis*
Southern sprite	*Nehalennia integricollis*
spine-crowned clubtail	*Gomphus abbreviatus*
taper-tailed darner	*Gomphaeschna antilope*
twin-spotted spiketail	*Cordulegaster maculata*
umber shadowdragon (it is)	*Neurocordulia obsoleta*
zebra clubtail	*Stylurus scudderi*
Mayflies (2)	
mayflies (little maryatts)	*Epeorus* sp.
small minnow mayflies	*Heterocloeon* sp.
Stoneflies (4)	
giant stonefly	*Attaneuria ruralis*
golden stoneflies	*Paragnetina* sp.

sallflies (green stoneflies)	*Haploperla* sp.
yellow stoneflies	*Eccoptura xanthenes*
True Flies (4)	
watersnipe flies	*Atherix* spp.
bee-like robber fly	*Laphria champlainii*
	Pogonosoma dorsatum
robber fly	*Stichopogon argenteus*
Wasps, Ants, and Bees (2)	
rusty-patched bumble bee	*Bombus affinis*
yellowbanded bumblebee	*Bombus terricola*
Crustaceans (26)	
American lobster	*Homarus americanus*
Atlantic marsh fiddler crab	*Uca pugnax*
American marsh hopper	*Ochestia grillus*
amphipod	*Gammarus faciatus*
amphipod	*Gammarus lawrencianus*
amphipod	*Gammarus tigrinus*
amphipod	*Hyale plumulosa*
Atlantic mud crab	*Panopeus herbstii*
Atlantic sand fiddler crab	*Uca pugilator*
banded marsh hopper	*Uholorchestia uhleri*
blue crab	*Callinectes sapidus*
coastal mud shrimp	*Upogebia affinis*
digging amphipod	*Haustorius canadensis*
flatback mud crab	*Eurypanopeus depressus*
Harris mud crab	*Rhithropanopeus harrisii*
jonah crab	*Cancer borealis*
lady crab	*Ovalipes ocellatus*
longnose spider crab	*Libinia dubia*
mantis shrimp	*Squilla empusa*
portly spider crab	*Libinia emarginata*
purple marsh crab	*Sesarma reticulatum*
red-jointed fiddler crab	*Uca minax*
rock crab	*Cancer irroiatus*
sand burrower	*Amphiporeia virginiana*

sevenspine bay shrimp	*Crangon septemspinosa*
tube dwelling amphipod	*Ampelisca* spp.
Chelicerates (1)	
Atlantic horseshore crab	*Limulus polyphemus*
Cnidarians (4)	
American tube dwelling anemone	*Ceriantheopsis americana*
burrowing anemone	*Actinothoe modesta*
burrowing anemone	*Edwardsia elegans*
Northern star coral	*Astrangia poculata*
Echinoderms (5)	
common sand dollar	*Echinarachnius parma*
common sea star	*Asterias forbesi*
green sea urchin	*Strongylocentrotus droebachiensis*
hairy sea cucumber	*Sclerodactyla briareus*
short spined brittle star	*Ophioderma brevispinum*
Molluscs (34)	
alewife floater	*Anodonta implicata*
Atlantic mud piddock	*Barnea truncata*
Atlantic surf clam	*Spisula solida*
bay quahog	*Mercenaria mercenaria*
bay scallop	*Argopecten irradians*
blue mussel	*Mytilus edulis*
channeled whelk	*Busycon canaliculatus*
dwarf balloon aeolis	*Eubranchus exigus*
Eastern emerald elysia	*Elysia chlorotica*
Eastern oyster	*Crassostrea virginica*
Eastern pearlshell	*Margaritifera margaritifera*
Eastern pond mussel	*Ligumia nasuta*
false angelwing	*Petricola pholadiformis*
golden ambersnail	*Succinea wilsoni*
knobbed whelk	*Busycon carica*
lampmussel	*Lampsilis radiata*
longfin inshore squid	*Loligo pealeii*
marsh snail	*Melampus bidentatus*

modest alderia	*Alderia modesta*
Morton's eggcockle	*Laevicardium mortoni*
mouse ear marsh snail	*Ovatella myosotis*
Northern horse mussel	*Modiolus modiolus*
Northern lacuna	*Lacuna vincta*
nudibranch	*Elysia catulus*
nudibranch	*Tergipes tergipes*
ocean (black) quahog	*Arctica islandica*
painted ballon worm	*Eubranchus pallidus*
razor clam (Atlantic jackknife)	*Ensis directus*
ribbed mussel	*Geukensia demissa*
sea scallop	*Placopecten magellanicus*
soft-shell clam	*Mya arenaria*
squawfoot	*Strophitus undulatus*
striped nudibranch	*Cratena pilata*
triangle floater	*Alasmidonta undulata*

The American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus)*
is critically endangered this one was found on Block Island.

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