

Draft

Rhode Island's Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN): for inclusion in the Comprehensive State Wildlife Conservation Plan

The following categories of species have been recommended by the IAFWA SWG committee and reviewed and endorsed by the Northeast Region USFWS and the 13 northeast states. State DEM F & W staff further refined this list with input from local and regional scientific experts. This is a draft list of species groups that are being considered as Species of Greatest Conservation Need and input is now being solicited to refine these categories to develop an inclusive list.

Special Status Species

- Federally-listed threatened and endangered animals
- State-listed threatened and endangered animals
- Wildlife species listed as In Need of Conservation
- Natural Heritage Program tracked and watchlist animal species
- NE wildlife species of regional conservation concern
- Responsibility species (those for which RI supports the core populations)
- Endemic species

Recognized Bird Priorities

- Partners in Flight and All Bird Conservation priority species
- USFWS migratory birds of management concern
- Colonial waterbirds
- Forest interior breeding birds
- Shrubland successional breeding birds
- Grassland breeding birds
- Shorebirds with significant migratory concentrations
- Marshland breeding birds (e.g., rails, bitterns, sedge wren)

Other Terrestrial Species Groups

- Reptiles and amphibians at risk
- Bats at risk
- Small mammals at risk
- Invertebrates at risk

Aquatic Species Groups

- Aquatic invertebrates at risk
- Freshwater fish at risk
- American Fisheries Society species of concern
- Depleted anadromous fish (e.g., shad spp., sturgeon)
- Depleted marine invertebrates (e.g., horseshoe crab)
- Sensitive aquatic species