

Standard Conservation Abbreviations

Global (G) Conservation Status Ranks

RANK	DEFINITION
GX	Presumed Extinct (species) — Not located despite intensive searches and virtually no likelihood of rediscovery. Presumed Eliminated (ecosystems, i.e., ecological communities and systems) — Eliminated throughout its range, due to loss of key dominant and characteristic taxa and/or elimination of the sites and ecological processes on which the type depends.
GH	Possibly Extinct (species) or Possibly Eliminated (ecosystems) — Known from only historical occurrences but still some hope of rediscovery. Examples of evidence include (1) that a species has not been documented in approximately 20-40 years despite some searching and/or some evidence of significant habitat loss or degradation; (2) that a species or ecosystem has been searched for unsuccessfully, but not thoroughly enough to presume that it is extinct or eliminated throughout its range.
G1	Critically Imperiled — At very high risk of extinction or elimination due to very restricted range, very few populations or occurrences, very steep declines, very severe threats, or other factors.
G2	Imperiled — At high risk of extinction or elimination due to restricted range, few populations or occurrences, steep declines, severe threats, or other factors.
G3	Vulnerable — At moderate risk of extinction or elimination due to a fairly restricted range, relatively few populations or occurrences, recent and widespread declines, threats, or other factors.
G4	Apparently Secure — At fairly low risk of extinction or elimination due to an extensive range and/or many populations or occurrences, but with possible cause for some concern as a result of local recent declines, threats, or other factors.
G5	Secure — At very low risk of extinction or elimination due to a very extensive range, abundant populations or occurrences, and little to no concern from declines or threats.

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National (N) and Subnational (S) Conservation Status Ranks

RANK	DEFINITION
NX SX	Presumed Extirpated —Species or ecosystem is believed to be extirpated from the jurisdiction (i.e., nation, or state/province). Not located despite intensive searches of historical sites and other appropriate habitat, and virtually no likelihood that it will be rediscovered. [equivalent to “Regionally Extinct” in IUCN Red List terminology]
NH SH	Possibly Extirpated – Known from only historical records but still some hope of rediscovery. There is evidence that the species or ecosystem may no longer be present in the jurisdiction, but not enough to state this with certainty. Examples of such evidence include (1) that a species has not been documented in approximately 20-40 years despite some searching and/or some evidence of significant habitat loss or degradation; (2) that a species or ecosystem has been searched for unsuccessfully, but not thoroughly enough to presume that it is no longer present in the jurisdiction.
N1 S1	Critically Imperiled At very high risk of extirpation in the jurisdiction due to very restricted range, very few populations or occurrences, very steep declines, severe threats, or other factors.
N2 S2	Imperiled — At high risk of extirpation in the jurisdiction due to restricted range, few populations or occurrences, steep declines, severe threats, or other factors.
N3 S3	Vulnerable — At moderate risk of extirpation in the jurisdiction due to a fairly restricted range, relatively few populations or occurrences, recent and widespread declines, threats, or other factors.
N4 S4	Apparently Secure — At a fairly low risk of extirpation in the jurisdiction due to an extensive range and/or many populations or occurrences, but with possible cause for some concern as a result of local recent declines, threats, or other factors.
N5 S5	Secure — At very low or no risk of extirpation in the jurisdiction due to a very extensive range, abundant populations or occurrences, with little to no concern from declines or threats.

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BASIC FEDERAL STATUS DESIGNATIONS

LE = Listed Endangered

Species for which a final rule has been published in the Federal Register to list the species as endangered. Species is legally protected by the Endangered Species Act.

LT = Listed Threatened

Species for which a final rule has been published in the Federal Register to list the species as threatened. Species is legally protected by the Endangered Species Act.

PE = Proposed Endangered

Species for which a proposed rule has been published in the Federal Register to list the species as endangered

PT = Proposed Threatened

Species for which a proposed rule has been published in the Federal Register to list the species as threatened.

PS = Partial Status

Species has status in only a portion of the species' range. Typically indicated in a "full" species record where an infraspecific taxon or population has Federal status, but the entire species does not.

C or CN = Candidate for Listing

Substantial information exists in U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service files on biological vulnerability to support proposals to list as endangered or threatened.

SC = Species of Concern

The terms "Species of Concern" or "Species at Risk" should be considered as terms-of-art that describe the entire realm of taxa whose conservation status may be of concern to the US Fish and Wildlife Service, but neither term has official status (currently all former C2 species).

PDL = Proposal for delisting

Species for which a proposal for delisting has been published in the Federal Register.

DL = Delisted

Species for which a final rule has been published in the Federal Register to delist the species.

XN = Non-essential Experimental Population

Species for which a population has been artificially established in the wild which is not essential to the survival of the species in the wild.

T(S/A) = Listed as Threatened Due to Similarity of Appearance

Species listed as threatened due to similarity of appearance with another species this is listed as threatened.