

STATUS DEFINITIONS
ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT (AGFD)
HERITAGE DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (HDMS)

FEDERAL US STATUS

FWS

BGA Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act

(<http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/baldeagle.htm>)

Prohibits take of bald and golden eagles without prior US Fish and Wildlife Service permit.

ESA Endangered Species Act (1973 as amended) (<http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/arizona>)

US Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service

Listed

LE Listed Endangered: imminent jeopardy of extinction.

LT Listed Threatened: imminent jeopardy of becoming Endangered.

PS Partial Status: listed Endangered or Threatened, but not in entire range.

XN Experimental Nonessential population.

PDL Proposed for delisting.

No Status: certain populations of this taxon do not have designated status (check with state or regional USFWS office for details about which populations have designated status).

SAT Listed Threatened due to Similarity of Appearance. This happens when a member of a non-listed population is found within the geographic area of a Distinct Population Segment for a listed species (e.g., a wintering bald eagle within the DPS for listed bald eagles).

Proposed for Listing

PE Proposed Endangered.

PT Proposed Threatened.

Candidate (Notice of Review: 2012) (<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/cnor.html>)

C Candidate. Species for which the USFWS has on file sufficient information on biological vulnerability and threats to support proposals to list as Endangered or Threatened under ESA. Proposed rules for these species is precluded at present by other higher priority listing actions.

C* The Service identifies species for which they made a continued warranted-but-precluded finding on a resubmitted petition by the code “C*” in the category column. This code was put into use starting in 2008.

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 includes all former C2 and delisted species).

Critical Habitat (check with state or regional USFWS office for location details)

Y Yes: Critical Habitat has been designated.

P Proposed: Critical Habitat has been proposed.

DPS Distinct Population Segment: a portion of a species' or subspecies' population or range. The DPS is generally described geographically. A DPS can apply to a Candidate or Listed or Proposed Species.

10(j) 10(j) Recovery Area: Under section 10(j), a population of a listed species re-established outside its current range, but within its probable historic range may be designated as "experimental" at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior. The 10(j) recovery area is the geographic boundary established under Final Rule and may be larger than the actual occupied area or "primary recovery zone."

10(a)(1)(A) An experimental population currently managed under a 10(a)(1)(A) permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A 10(a)(1)(A) permit can be issued under the authority of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act "for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species including, but not limited to, acts necessary for the establishment and maintenance of experimental populations." The 10(a)(1)(A) recovery area is a geographic boundary and may be larger than the actual occupied area.

USFS US Forest Service (2007 Animals, 2007 Plants)

US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Region 3 (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/>)

S Sensitive: those taxa occurring on National Forests in Arizona which are considered sensitive by the Regional Forester.

BLM US Bureau of Land Management (2008 Animals, 2008 Plants)

US Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office (<http://azwww.az.blm.gov>)

S Sensitive: those taxa occurring on BLM Field Office Lands in Arizona which are considered sensitive by the Arizona State Office.

P Population: only those populations of Banded Gila monster (*Heloderma suspectum cinctum*) that occur north and west of the Colorado River, are considered sensitive by the Arizona State Office.

TRIBAL STATUS

NESL Navajo Endangered Species List (2008)

Navajo Nation, Navajo Fish and Wildlife Department

(<http://nnhp.navajofishandwildlife.org/endangered.htm>)

The Navajo Endangered Species List contains taxa with status from the entire Navajo Nation which includes parts of Arizona, Utah, and New Mexico. In this notebook we provide NESL status for only those taxa whose distribution includes part or all of the Arizona portion of the Navajo Nation.

Groups

- 1** Those species or subspecies that no longer occur on the Navajo Nation.
- 2** Any species or subspecies which is in danger of being eliminated from all or a significant portion of its range on the Navajo Nation.
- 3** Any species or subspecies which is likely to become an endangered species, within the foreseeable future, throughout all or a significant portion of its range on the Navajo Nation.
- 4** Any species or subspecies for which the Navajo Fish and Wildlife Department (NF&WD) does not currently have sufficient information to support their being listed in Group 2 or Group 3 but has reason to consider them. The NF&WD will actively seek information on these species to determine if they warrant inclusion in a different group or removal from the list.

MEXICAN STATUS

MEX Mexican Federal Endangered Species List (October 16, 2000)
Proyecto de Norma Oficial Mexicana PROY-NOM-059-ECOL-2000

The Mexican Federal Endangered Species List contains taxa with status from the entire Mexican Republic and waters under its jurisdiction. In this notebook we provide MEX designations for only those taxa occurring in Arizona and also in Mexico.

- P** En Peligro de Extinción (Determined Endangered in Mexico): in danger of extinction.
- A** Amenazada (Determined Threatened in Mexico): could become endangered if factors causing habitat deterioration or population decline continue.
- Pr** Sujeta a Protección Especial (Determined Subject to Special Protection in Mexico): utilization limited due to reduced populations, restricted distribution, or to favor recovery and conservation of the taxon or associated taxa.
- E** Probablemente extinta en el medio silvestre (Probably extinct in the wild of Mexico): A native species whose individuals in the wild have disappeared, based on pertinent documentation and studies that prove it. The only existing individuals of the species are in captivity or outside the Mexican territory.

[|=One or more subspecies of this species has status in Mexico, but the HDMS does not track it at the subspecies level (most of these subspecies are endemic to Mexico). Please consult the NORMA Oficial Mexicana PROY-NOM-059-ECOL-2000 for details.]

STATE STATUS

STATE:

Plants – NPL Arizona Native Plant Law (2008)

Arizona Department of Agriculture (<http://www.azda.gov/ESD/nativeplants.htm>)

- HS** Highly Safeguarded: no collection allowed.
- SR** Salvage Restricted: collection only with permit.
- ER** Export Restricted: transport out of State prohibited.
- SA** Salvage Assessed: permits required to remove live trees.
- HR** Harvest Restricted: permits required to remove plant by-products.

Wildlife - WSCA Wildlife of Special Concern in Arizona (in prep)

Arizona Game and Fish Department (<http://www.azgfd.gov>)

WSC Wildlife of Special Concern in Arizona. Species whose occurrence in Arizona is or may be in jeopardy, or with known or perceived threats or population declines, as described by the Arizona Game and Fish Department's listing of Wildlife of Special Concern in Arizona (WSCA, in prep). Species indicated on printouts as WSC are currently the same as those in **Threatened Native Wildlife in Arizona** (1988).

Species of Greater Conservation Need (SGCN) (2012) (http://www.azgfd.gov/w_c/swap.shtml)

Arizona Game and Fish Department. 2012. Arizona's State Wildlife Action Plan: 2012-2022. Arizona Game and Fish Department, Phoenix, Arizona.

Each species in the SGCN list was scored for each of the following vulnerability criteria. If a species ranked as "vulnerable" (i.e., score = "1") under one or more of the vulnerability criteria it was included in the SGCN. Ranks were not additive. The rank was based on the following criteria:

- Extirpated from Arizona
- Federal or State status
- Declining status
- Disjunct status
- Demographic status
- Concentration status
- Fragmentation status
- Distribution status

Tiers

The list of SGCN was further categorized into three tiers reflecting the Department's management commitments and priorities; tiers were ranked as follows:

Tier IA: Scored "1" for Vulnerability in at least one of the eight categories and matches at least one of the following:

- Federally listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).
- Candidate species under ESA.
- Is specifically covered under a signed conservation agreement (CCA) or a signed conservation agreement with assurances (CCAA).
- Recently removed from ESA and currently requires post-delisting monitoring.
- Closed season species (i.e., no take permitted) as identified in Arizona Game and Fish Commission Orders 40, 41, 42 or 43.

Tier 1B: Scored “1” for Vulnerability in at least one of the eight categories, but match none of the above criteria.

Tier 1C: Unknown status species. Scored “0” for Vulnerability in one of the eight categories, meaning there are no data with which to address one or more categories, and vulnerability status cannot be assessed. These species are those for which we are unable to assess status, and thus represent priority research and information needs. As more information becomes available, their tier status will be re-evaluated.