

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, PARKS AND TOURISM
Petition for Species Review
Endangered/ Threatened/ Species-in-Need-of-Conservation Status

Kansas recognizes rare species by state listing to categories of Endangered*, Threatened**, or Species-in-Need-of-Conservation (SINC)***. Every 5 years these lists are reviewed as required by statute (K.S.A. 32-960). A Threatened and Endangered Species Task Committee oversees the process and makes listing recommendations to the Secretary of Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism (KDWPT). The recommended changes must then be approved by the KDWPT Commission.

In addition, the committee reviews input from other sources regarding listing, delisting, uplisting, or downlisting of Kansas wildlife via a petitioning process. To submit a petition for review, please fully complete the requested information attached below. Petitioners are strongly encouraged to provide all substantive biological information with cited references to aid in the review. The information requested herein will be considered to initiate a review.

At the request of the KDWPT Secretary, the Threatened and Endangered Species Task Committee will evaluate all completed petitions and determine if there is sufficient information to justify a review for the petitioned status change. If the species is accepted for further review, there will be public information meetings conducted in regard to the listing change.

All petitioning documents pertaining to the species will be made available to the public at a local repository and regional KDWPT office. A notice of the proposed action will also be sent to federal and state agencies and local and tribal governments that may be affected by the petitioned species, and to all individuals and organizations that have requested notification. The KDWPT will issue news releases concerning the proposed species. In addition, individual petitions and substantiating data will be distributed to and evaluated by: 1) academia, 2) wildlife agency personnel, 3) other professionals, 4) other resource agencies (state and federal) and 5) nonprofessionals who have known expertise/experience with the petitioned species.

Questions concerning the petitioning and review process should be directed to Edwin J. Miller, Endangered Species Specialist, KDWPT, 5089 CR 2925, Independence, KS 67301 (ed.miller@ksoutdoors.com).

Completed "Petition for Species Review" forms should be sent to the Office of the Secretary of Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (see below).

Current members of Threatened and Endangered Species Task Committee:
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* Endangered Species: any species of wildlife whose continued existence as a viable component of the state's wild fauna is determined to be in jeopardy (KSA 32-958c).

**Threatened Species: any species of wildlife which appears likely, within the foreseeable future, to become an endangered species (KSA 32-958f).

***Species-in-Need-of-Conservation: (SINC) any species which are highly specialized, whose habitat is very limited in Kansas, or shows a population decline that warrants data collection concerning its status in Kansas. Conservation efforts focused on this species can prevent future listing as threatened or endangered. This listing is not defined in the Kansas Statutes.

Species Common Name: _____

Species Scientific Name: _____

Currently listed as:

___ Endangered ___ Threatened ___ Species-in-need-of-conservation (SINC) ___ not listed

Petitioned to:

___ Endangered ___ Threatened ___ SINC ___ not listed

1) a. Provide a map of the species' current distribution in Kansas and range wide.

b. Is the Kansas population considered connected with the population in an adjoining state?

Yes _____ No _____ Don't know _____

c. If no, what is the distance to the nearest out-of-state population? _____

d. Is the Kansas population genetically distinct from the core population in other states?

Yes _____ No _____ Don't know _____

Cite references: _____

2) How and to what magnitude has the species' distribution changed within Kansas during the past 35 years?

Globally? _____

Cite references: _____

3) Describe the species' population (not distribution) trend within Kansas during the past 35 years.

Globally? _____

Cite references: _____

4) a. What is the Global Rank of this species from NatureServe?

b. What proportion of the species' global population is currently found within Kansas?

5) What is the species' current residency status within Kansas (vagrant, migrant, year-round)?

6) Describe the species' current breeding status within Kansas.

Cite references: _____

7) Describe the species' habitat requirements:

Cite references: _____

8) Discuss the species' degree of specialization with regard to habitat, food, or other life history factors.

Cite references: _____

9) Discuss the species' sensitivity to environmental contaminants and disease, if any, including known potential problems:

Cite references: _____

10) To what degree is this species currently vulnerable to consumptive and/or commercial use in Kansas, and what relationship does that use have on its total population?

Cite references: _____

11) What are the current and imminent threats to the species in Kansas? Please list in priority order with the highest-ranked threat first.

Cite references: _____

12) a. What is the recovery potential of this species?

Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____ Unlikely _____

Explain: _____

b. List any conservation actions that are currently addressing the needs of this species.

c. List any pending conservation actions that might improve the status of this species.

13) Summarize your reasons for requesting a review of this species:

[illegible]

The currently-listed Kansas species can be found at:

<http://www.kdwpt.state.ks.us/news/Services/Threatened-and-Endangered-Wildlife/Species-in-Need-of-Conservation-SINC/Statewide-List> (Species in Need of Conservation)

Name: _____
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