

State Status Definitions

For each species, the summary indicates its current global, national, and state rankings. Subspecies or variety (trinomial) rankings are given when the taxon involved is a subspecies or variety whose ranking is different than the associated species. The Association for Biodiversity Information provides global, trinomial, and national rankings; individual State Natural Heritage programs determine state rankings. In most cases, factors influencing rankings include the number, condition, and distribution of known occurrences.

Global, Trinomial (subspecies), and National Rankings – taken from Association for Biodiversity Information, www.natureserve.org

G1, T1, or N1 = critically imperiled
G2, T2, or N2 = imperiled
G3, T3, or N3 = vulnerable
G4, T4, or N4 = apparently secure
G5, T5, or N5 = secure
GH, TH, or NH = historic, possibly extirpated
G?, T?, or N? = unranked
GU, TU, or NU = unrankable (usually lack of info)
Q = at end of ranking, means taxon has questionable taxonomy

State Rankings – taken from Heritage programs, State websites, or www.natureserve.org

S1 = critically imperiled
S2 = imperiled
S3 = vulnerable
S4 = apparently secure
S5 = secure
SA = accidental
SX = presumed extirpated
SH = possibly extirpated
SR = reported
SZ = migratory transient
SE = exotic
S? = unranked
SU = unrankable (usually lack of info)
HYB = hybrid
S1B = ranked S1 for breeding
S1N = ranked S1 for non-breeding

Each State maintains lists of endangered and threatened animal and plant species for the state. The protection afforded by state listing status varies between states and between animal and plants. Both states also maintain a list of species of concern that they are monitoring and evaluating for potential future listing.

State Listed Status - taken from Heritage programs or State websites

E = Endangered species, protected under state law

T = Threatened species, protected under state law

C = Candidate for future state listing (NH only)

PE = Possibly extirpated (ME only)

SC = Species of Special Concern (ME only)