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Project Code: 2024-0104941

Project Name: E SANDERS L&D Repair

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project

location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological

evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

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If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/endangered-species-consultation-handbook.pdf

Migratory Birds: In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity, intentional or unintentional, resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts see https://www.fws.gov/program/migratory-bird-permit/what-we-do.

The MBTA has no provision for allowing take of migratory birds that may be unintentionally killed or injured by otherwise lawful activities. It is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with these Acts by identifying potential impacts to migratory birds and eagles within applicable NEPA documents (when there is a federal nexus) or a Bird/Eagle Conservation Plan (when there is no federal nexus). Proponents should implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize the production of project-related stressors or minimize the exposure of birds and their resources to the project-related stressors. For more information on avian stressors and recommended conservation measures see https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/threats-birds.

In addition to MBTA and BGEPA, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*, obligates all Federal agencies that engage in or authorize activities that might affect migratory birds, to minimize those effects and encourage conservation measures that will improve bird populations. Executive Order 13186 provides for the protection of both migratory birds and migratory bird habitat. For information regarding the implementation of Executive Order 13186, please visit https://www.fws.gov/partner/council-conservation-migratory-birds.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Code in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

Official Species List

OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

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PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Name: E SANDERS L&D Repair

Project Type: Levee / Dike - Maintenance/Modification

Project Description: The USACE is in the process of repairing the Emmett Sanders Lock and

Dam #4 in Jefferson County Arkansas.

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Project Location:

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: https://www.google.com/maps/@34.249922549999994,-91.9012357514368,14z



Counties: Jefferson County, Arkansas

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

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There is a total of 6 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

1. <u>NOAA Fisheries</u>, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

MAMMALS

NAME STATUS

Tricolored Bat Perimyotis subflavus

Proposed Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10515

BIRDS

NAME STATUS

Eastern Black Rail Laterallus jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis

Threatened

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10477

Piping Plover Charadrius melodus

Threatened

Population: [Atlantic Coast and Northern Great Plains populations] - Wherever found, except

those areas where listed as endangered.

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6039

Rufa Red Knot Calidris canutus rufa

Threatened

There is **proposed** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical

habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1864

REPTILES

NAME STATUS

Alligator Snapping Turtle Macrochelys temminckii

Proposed

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

Threatened

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4658

INSECTS

NAME STATUS

Monarch Butterfly Danaus plexippus

Proposed

There is ${\bf proposed}$ critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical

Threatened

habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743

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CRITICAL HABITATS

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT(S) MAY HAVE EFFECTS ON ALL ABOVE LISTED SPECIES.



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Project Name: E SANDERS L&D Repair

Federal Nexus: yes

Federal Action Agency (if applicable): Department of Defense

Subject: Federal agency coordination under the Endangered Species Act, Section 7 for 'E

SANDERS L&D Repair'

Dear Paul Roberts:

This letter records your determination using the Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) system provided to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) on March 13, 2025, for 'E SANDERS L&D Repair' (here forward, Project). This project has been assigned Project Code 2024-0104941 and all future correspondence should clearly reference this number. **Please carefully review this letter. Your Endangered Species Act (Act) requirements may not be complete.**

Ensuring Accurate Determinations When Using IPaC

The Service developed the IPaC system and associated species' determination keys in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and based on a standing analysis. All information submitted by the Project proponent into IPaC must accurately represent the full scope and details of the Project.

Failure to accurately represent or implement the Project as detailed in IPaC or the Northern Long-eared Bat and Tricolored Bat Range-wide Determination Key (DKey), invalidates this letter. Answers to certain questions in the DKey commit the project proponent to implementation of conservation measures that must be followed for the ESA determination to remain valid. Note that conservation measures for northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat may differ. If both bat species are present in the action area and the key suggests more conservative measures for one of the species for your Project, the Project may need to apply the most conservative measures in order to avoid adverse effects. If unsure which conservation measures should be applied, please contact the appropriate Ecological Services Field Office.

Determination for the Northern Long-Eared Bat and Tricolored Bat

Based on your IPaC submission and a standing analysis completed by the Service, you determined the proposed Project will have the following effect determinations:

Species	Listing Status	Determination
Tricolored Bat (Perimyotis subflavus)	Proposed	NLAA
	Endangered	

Federal agencies must consult with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) when an action *may affect* a listed species. Tricolored bat is proposed for listing as endangered under the ESA, but not yet listed. For actions that may affect a proposed species, agencies cannot consult, but they can *confer* under the authority of section 7(a) (4) of the ESA. Such conferences can follow the procedures for a consultation and be adopted as such if and when the proposed species is listed. Should the tricolored bat be listed, agencies must review projects that are not yet complete, or projects with ongoing effects within the tricolored bat range that previously received a NE or NLAA determination from the key to confirm that the determination is still accurate.

Unless the Service advises you within 15 days of the date of this letter that your IPaC-assisted determination was incorrect, this letter verifies that consultation on the Action is <u>complete</u> for northern long-eared bat and/or tricolored bat and no further action is necessary unless either of the following occurs:

- new information reveals effects of the action that may affect the northern long-eared bat or tricolored bat in a manner or to an extent not previously considered; or,
- the identified action is subsequently modified in a manner that causes an effect to the northern long-eared bat or tricolored bat that was not considered when completing the determination key.

15-Day Review Period

As indicated above, the Service will notify you within 15 calendar days if we determine that this proposed Action does not meet the criteria for a "may affect, not likely to adversely affect" (NLAA) determination for the northern long-eared bat and/or tricolored bat. If we do not notify you within that timeframe, you may proceed with the Action under the terms of the NLAA concurrence provided here. This verification period allows the identified Ecological Services Field Office to apply local knowledge to evaluation of the Action, as we may identify a small subset of actions having impacts that we did not anticipate when developing the key. In such cases, the identified Ecological Services Field Office may request additional information to verify the effects determination reached through the Northern Long-eared Bat and Tricolored Bat DKey.

Other Species and Critical Habitat that May be Present in the Action Area

The IPaC-assisted determination key for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat does not apply to the following ESA-protected species and/or critical habitat that also may occur in your Action area:

• Alligator Snapping Turtle *Macrochelys temminckii* Proposed Threatened

• Eastern Black Rail Laterallus jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis Threatened

- Monarch Butterfly *Danaus plexippus* Proposed Threatened
- Piping Plover *Charadrius melodus* Threatened
- Rufa Red Knot Calidris canutus rufa Threatened

You may coordinate with our Office to determine whether the Action may affect the species and/ or critical habitat listed above. Note that reinitiation of consultation would be necessary if a new species is listed or critical habitat designated that may be affected by the identified action before it is complete.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need further assistance, please contact the Arkansas Ecological Services Field Office and reference Project Code 2024-0104941 associated with this Project.

Action Description

You provided to IPaC the following name and description for the subject Action.

1. Name

E SANDERS L&D Repair

2. Description

The following description was provided for the project 'E SANDERS L&D Repair':

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DETERMINATION KEY RESULT

Based on the answers provided, the proposed Action is consistent with a determination of "may affect, but not likely to adversely affect" for a least one species covered by this determination key.

QUALIFICATION INTERVIEW

1. Does the proposed project include, or is it reasonably certain to cause, intentional take of listed bats or any other listed species?

Note: Intentional take is defined as take that is the intended result of a project. Intentional take could refer to research, direct species management, surveys, and/or studies that include intentional handling/encountering, harassment, collection, or capturing of any individual of a federally listed threatened, endangered or proposed species?

No

2. Is the action area wholly within Zone 2 of the year-round active area for northern long-eared bat and/or tricolored bat?

Automatically answered

No

3. Does the action area intersect Zone 1 of the year-round active area for northern long-eared bat and/or tricolored bat?

Automatically answered

No

4. Does any component of the action involve leasing, construction or operation of wind turbines? Answer 'yes' if the activities considered are conducted with the intention of gathering survey information to inform the leasing, construction, or operation of wind turbines.

Note: For federal actions, answer 'yes' if the construction or operation of wind power facilities is either (1) part of the federal action or (2) would not occur but for a federal agency action (federal permit, funding, etc.).

No

5. Is the proposed action authorized, permitted, licensed, funded, or being carried out by a Federal agency in whole or in part?

Yes

6. Is the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), or Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding or authorizing the proposed action, in whole or in part?

7. Are you an employee of the federal action agency or have you been officially designated in writing by the agency as its designated non-federal representative for the purposes of Endangered Species Act Section 7 informal consultation per 50 CFR § 402.08?

Note: This key may be used for federal actions and for non-federal actions to facilitate section 7 consultation and to help determine whether an incidental take permit may be needed, respectively. This question is for information purposes only.

Yes

8. Is the lead federal action agency the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or Federal Communications Commission (FCC)? Is the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or Federal Communications Commission (FCC) funding or authorizing the proposed action, in whole or in part?

No

- 9. Is the lead federal action agency the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)? *No*
- 10. [Semantic] Is the action area located within 0.5 miles of a known bat hibernaculum?

Note: The map queried for this question contains proprietary information and cannot be displayed. If you need additional information, please contact your State wildlife agency.

Automatically answered

No

11. Does the action area contain any winter roosts or caves (or associated sinkholes, fissures, or other karst features), mines, rocky outcroppings, or tunnels that could provide habitat for hibernating bats?

No

12. Does the action area contain (1) talus or (2) anthropogenic or naturally formed rock shelters or crevices in rocky outcrops, rock faces or cliffs?

No

13. Will the action cause effects to a bridge?

Note: Covered bridges should be considered as bridges in this question.

No

14. Will the action result in effects to a culvert or tunnel at any time of year?

15. Are trees present within 1000 feet of the action area?

Note: If there are trees within the action area that are of a sufficient size to be potential roosts for bats answer "Yes". If unsure, additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in Appendix A of the USFWS' Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines at: https://www.fws.gov/media/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines.

Yes

16. Does the action include the intentional exclusion of bats from a building or structure?

Note: Exclusion is conducted to deny bats' entry or reentry into a building. To be effective and to avoid harming bats, it should be done according to established standards. If your action includes bat exclusion and you are unsure whether northern long-eared bats or tricolored bats are present, answer "Yes." Answer "No" if there are no signs of bat use in the building/structure. If unsure, contact your local Ecological Services Field Office to help assess whether northern long-eared bats or tricolored bats may be present. Contact a Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator (NWCO) for help in how to exclude bats from a structure safely without causing harm to the bats (to find a NWCO certified in bat standards, search the Internet using the search term "National Wildlife Control Operators Association bats"). Also see the White-Nose Syndrome Response Team's guide for bat control in structures.

No

- 17. Does the action involve removal, modification, or maintenance of a human-made structure (barn, house, or other building) **known or suspected to contain roosting bats?**No
- 18. Will the action cause construction of one or more new roads open to the public?

For federal actions, answer 'yes' when the construction or operation of these facilities is either (1) part of the federal action or (2) would not occur but for an action taken by a federal agency (federal permit, funding, etc.).

No

19. Will the action include or cause any construction or other activity that is reasonably certain to increase average daily traffic permanently or temporarily on one or more existing roads?

Note: For federal actions, answer 'yes' when the construction or operation of these facilities is either (1) part of the federal action or (2) would not occur but for an action taken by a federal agency (federal permit, funding, etc.).

20. Will the action include or cause any construction or other activity that is reasonably certain to increase the number of travel lanes on an existing thoroughfare?

For federal actions, answer 'yes' when the construction or operation of these facilities is either (1) part of the federal action or (2) would not occur but for an action taken by a federal agency (federal permit, funding, etc.).

No

21. Will the proposed Action involve the creation of a new water-borne contaminant source (e.g., leachate pond, pits containing chemicals that are not NSF/ANSI 60 compliant)?

Note: For information regarding NSF/ANSI 60 please visit https://www.nsf.org/knowledge-library/nsf-ansi-standard-60-drinking-water-treatment-chemicals-health-effects

No

22. Will the proposed action involve the creation of a new point source discharge from a facility other than a water treatment plant or storm water system?

23. Will the proposed action involve blasting or drilling?

No

- 24. Will the action involve military training (e.g., smoke operations, obscurant operations, exploding munitions, artillery fire, range use, helicopter or fixed wing aircraft use)?

 No
- 25. Will the proposed action involve the use of herbicides or other pesticides other than herbicides (e.g., fungicides, insecticides, or rodenticides)? *Yes*
- 26. Will the action include or result in herbicide use that may affect suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat or tricolored bat?

Note: Additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in Appendix A of the USFWS' Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines at: https://www.fws.gov/media/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines.

27. Will the action include or cause the application or drift of pesticides (e.g., fungicides, insecticides, or rodenticides) into forested areas that are suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat or tricolored bat?

Answer "Yes" if the application may result in transport (e.g., in water) or aerial drift of the pesticide into forested areas that are suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat or tricolored bat.

Note: Additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in Appendix A of the USFWS' Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines at: https://www.fws.gov/media/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines.

No

28. Will the action include or cause activities that are reasonably certain to cause chronic or intense nighttime noise (above current levels of ambient noise in the area) in suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat or tricolored bat during the active season?

Chronic noise is noise that is continuous or occurs repeatedly again and again for a long time. Sources of chronic or intense noise that could cause adverse effects to bats may include, but are not limited to: road traffic; trains; aircraft; industrial activities; gas compressor stations; loud music; crowds; oil and gas extraction; construction; and mining.

Note: Additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in Appendix A of the USFWS' Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines at: https://www.fws.gov/media/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines.

No

29. Does the action include, or is it reasonably certain to cause, the use of permanent or temporary artificial lighting within 1000 feet of suitable northern long-eared bat or tricolored bat roosting habitat?

Note: Additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in Appendix A of the USFWS' Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines at: https://www.fws.gov/media/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines.

No

30. Will the action include tree cutting or other means of knocking down or bringing down trees, tree topping, or tree trimming?

Yes

31. Will the proposed action occur exclusively in an already established and currently maintained utility right-of-way?

32. Does the action include emergency cutting or trimming of hazard trees in order to remove an imminent threat to human safety or property? See hazard tree note at the bottom of the key for text that will be added to response letters

Note: A "hazard tree" is a tree that is an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety, or improved property. *No*

33. Does the project intersect with the 0-9.9% forest density category?

Automatically answered

No

34. Does the project intersect with the 10.0- 19.9% forest density category map?

Automatically answered

Yes

35. Does the project intersect with the 20.0- 29.9% forest density category map?

Automatically answered

No

36. Does the project intersect with the 30.0- 100% forest density category map?

Automatically answered

No

37. Will the action cause trees to be cut, knocked down, or otherwise brought down across an area greater than 5 acres in total extent?

No

38. Will the proposed action result in the use of prescribed fire?

Note: If the prescribed fire action includes other activities than application of fire (e.g., tree cutting, fire line preparation) please consider impacts from those activities within the previous representative questions in the key. This set of questions only considers impacts from flame and smoke.

No

39. Does the action area intersect the tricolored bat species list area?

Automatically answered

Yes

40. [Semantic] Is the action area located within 0.25 miles of a culvert that is known to be occupied by northern long-eared or tricolored bats?

Note: The map queried for this question contains proprietary information and cannot be displayed. If you need additional information, please contact your State wildlife agency.

Automatically answered

No

41. Has a presence/probable absence bat survey targeting the <u>tricolored bat and following the Service's Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern Long-Eared Bat Survey Guidelines</u> been conducted within the project area?

42. Is suitable summer habitat for the tricolored bat present within 1000 feet of project activities?

(If unsure, answer ""Yes."")

Note: If there are trees within the action area that may provide potential roosts for tricolored bats (e.g., clusters of leaves in live and dead deciduous trees, Spanish moss (Tillandsia usneoides), clusters of dead pine needles of large live pines) answer ""Yes."" For a complete definition of suitable summer habitat for the tricolored bat, please see Appendix A in the Service's Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared Bat Survey Guidelines.

Yes

43. Do any of the trees proposed for cutting or other means of knocking down, bringing down, topping, or trimming provide potential roosts for tricolored bats (e.g., clusters of leaves in live and dead deciduous trees, Spanish moss (*Tillandsia usneoides*), clusters of dead pine needles of large live pine trees)?

Note: Additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in Appendix A of the USFWS' Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines at: https://www.fws.gov/media/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines.

Yes

44. Will any tree cutting/trimming or other knocking or bringing down of trees be conducted during the Pup Season for tricolored bat?

Note: Bat activity periods for your state can be found in Appendix L of the <u>Service's Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared Bat Survey Guidelines.</u>

No

45. Do you have any documents that you want to include with this submission? *No*

PROJECT QUESTIONNAIRE

Enter the extent of the action area (in acres) from which trees will be removed - round up to the nearest tenth of an acre. For this question, include the entire area where tree removal will take place, even if some live or dead trees will be left standing.

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IPAC USER CONTACT INFORMATION

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As of July 3, 2024

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Code Book

The regulations in this Code Book are hereby adopted by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission under authority of Amendment 35 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas. All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

P1.01 Endangered Species List -- Animals

Classification Species/Listing Name Amphibians

Hellbender, Ozark (*Cryptobranchus* alleganiensis bishopi)

Birds

Black Rail (Laterallus jamaicensis)
Crane, whooping (Grus americana)
Plover, piping (Charadrius melodus)
Pod Knot (Calidnis caputus)

Red Knot (Calidnis canutus)
Woodpecker, ivory-billed entire
(Campephilus principalis)

Woodpecker, red-cockaded (*Dryobates* borealis)

Crayfish

Crayfish, cave (*Cambarus aculabrum*)
Crayfish, cave (*Cambarus zophonastes*)

Fish

Cavefish, Ozark (Amblyopsis rosae)
Darter, Arkansas (Etheostoma cragini)
Darter, leopard (Percina pantherina)
Darter, yellowcheek (Etheostoma moorei)

Shiner, Arkansas River Arkansas R.

Basin (Notropis girardi)

Sturgeon, pallid (Scaphirhynchus albus)

Insects

Beetle, American burying (*Nicrophorus americanus*)

Mammals

Bat, gray (Myotis grisescens)

Bat, Little Brown (Myotis lucifugus)

Bat, Indiana (*Myotis sodalis*)
Bat, northern long-eared (*Myotis*

septentrionalis)

Bat, Ozark big-eared (Corynorhinus (=Plecotus) townsendii ingens)

Mollusks

Fatmucket, Arkansas (Lampsilis

powellii)

Mapleleaf, winged (*Quadrula fragosa*) Mucket, pink (pearlymussel) (*Lampsilis*

abrupta)

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Mucket, Neosho (*Lampsilis* rafinesquena)

Mussel, scaleshell (Leptodea leptodon)

Mussel, fanshell (Cyprogenia stegaria)

Mussel, ring pink (Obovaria retusa)

Mussel, rabbitsfoot (*Quadrula cylindrica*)

Mussel, spectaclecase (*Cumberlandia monondonta*)

Mussel, snuffbox (*Epioblasma triquetra*)

Pearlshell, Louisiana (*Margaritifera hembeli*)

Pearlymussel, Curtis (*Epioblasma florentina curtisii*)

Pocketbook, fat (Potamilus capax)

Pocketbook, Ouachita rock (*Arkansia* wheeleri)

Pocketbook, speckled (*Lampsilis* streckeri)

Turgid blossom (Epioblasma turgidula)

Reptiles

Alligator, American (*Alligator mississppiensis*)

All other federally-listed Arkansas species or candidates listed on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service site (https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp0/reports/species-listed-by-state-report?state=AR&status=listed), as they are added or deleted, are included in this Addendum.

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The western side of Macon Ridge (73j) is lower than the eastern side and is about the same elevation as the lithologically and physiographically distinct Arkansas/ Ouachita River Holocene Meander Belts (73h).

Native forest types range from those of better drained bottomlands dominated by willow oak, water oak and swamp chestnut oak to upland hardwood forests dominated by white oak, southern red oak and post oak. Prairies and loblolly pine- dominated areas may also have occurred on Macon Ridge (73j).

Today, Ecoregion 73j is a mosaic of pastureland, forest and cropland. Soybeans, cotton and oats are major crops (adapted from Woods and others 2004).

Mississippi Alluvial Plain Ecoregion: Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)

Of the 377 SGCN, 146 occur in the Mississippi Alluvial Plain ecoregion (Table 3.24).

Table 3.24. Species of greatest conservation need (SGCN) in the Mississippi Alluvial Plain ranked by priority score. A higher priority score indicates a greater need for actions to conserve the species.

Priority Score	Common Name	Scientific Name	Taxa Association
76	Scaleshell	Leptodea leptodon	Mussel
63	Northern Long-eared Bat	Myotis septentrionalis	Mammal
62	Indiana Bat	Myotis sodalis	Mammal
52	Alabama Shad	Alosa alabamae	Fish
52	Rabbitsfoot	Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica	Mussel
48	Pallid Sturgeon	Scaphirhynchus albus	Fish
46	Pink Mucket	Lampsilis abrupta	Mussel
46	Fat Pocketbook	Potamilus capax	Mussel
43	Piping Plover	Charadrius melodus	Bird
43	Western Fanshell	Cyprogenia aberti	Mussel
43	Sicklefin Chub	Macrhybopsis meeki	Fish
43	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	Picoides borealis	Bird
43	Illinois Chorus Frog	Pseudacris illinoensis	Amphibian
38	Crystal Darter	Crystallaria asprella	Fish
38	Stargazing Darter	Percina uranidea	Fish
38	Pyramid Pigtoe	Pleurobema rubrum	Mussel
34	Salamander Mussel	Simpsonaias ambigua	Mussel
33	Western Sand Darter	Ammocrypta clara	Fish
33	Henslow's Sparrow	Ammodramus henslowii	Bird

33	Sprague's Pipit	Anthus spragueii	Bird
33	Little Brown Bat	Myotis lucifugus	Mammal
33	Bluehead Shiner	Pteronotropis hubbsi	Fish
33	King Rail	Rallus elegans	Bird
33	Purple Lilliput	Toxolasma lividum	Mussel
32	Dukes' Skipper	Euphyes dukesi	Insect
32	Prairie Mole Cricket	Gryllotalpa major	Insect
31	Interior Least Tern	Sternula antillarum athalassos	Bird
29	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Calidris subruficollis	Bird
29	Rafinesque's Big-Eared Bat	Corynorhinus rafinesquii	Mammal
29	Swallow-tailed Kite	Elanoides forficatus	Bird
29	Rusty Blackbird	Euphagus carolinus	Bird
29	Silver Redhorse	Moxostoma anisurum	Fish
29	Stonecat	Noturus flavus	Fish
29	Bewick's Wren	Thryomanes bewickii	Bird
27	Lake Sturgeon	Acipenser fulvescens	Fish
27	Lace-winged Roadside-Skipper	Amblyscirtes aesculapius	Insect
27	Alligator Gar	Atractosteus spatula	Fish
27	Plains Minnow	Hybognathus placitus	Fish
25	Tiger Beetle	Cicindela lepida	Insect
25	Giant Stag Beetle	Lucanus elaphus	Insect
25	Diana	Speyeria diana	Insect
24	American Eel	Anguilla rostrata	Fish
24	Ruddy Turnstone	Arenaria interpres	Bird
24	Smith's Longspur	Calcarius pictus	Bird
24	Common Nighthawk	Chordeiles minor	Bird
24	Migrant Loggerhead Shrike	Lanius ludovicianus	Bird
24	Southeastern Bat	Myotis austroriparius	Mammal
24	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Nyctanassa violacea	Bird
24	Black-bellied Plover	Pluvialis squatarola	Bird
24	Paddlefish	Polyodon spathula	Fish
24	American Woodcock	Scolopax minor	Bird
24	Cerulean Warbler	Setophaga cerulea	Bird
23	American Bittern	Botaurus lentiginosus	Bird
23	Blue Sucker	Cycleptus elongatus	Fish
23	Willow Flycatcher	Empidonax traillii	Bird
23	Crawfish Frog	Lithobates areolatus	Amphibian
23	Sabine Shiner	Notropis sabinae	Fish
23	Suckermouth Minnow	Phenacobius mirabilis	Fish
23	Flathead Chub	Platygobio gracilis	Fish
23	Yehl Skipper	Poanes yehl	Insect
23	Purple Gallinule	Porphyrio martinicus	Bird
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23	Pink Heelsplitter	Potamilus alatus	Mussel
23	Ouachita Kidneyshell	Ptychobranchus occidentalis	Mussel
23	Central Mudminnow	Umbra limi	Fish
21	Le Conte's Sparrow	Ammodramus leconteii	Bird
21	Golden-banded Skipper	Autochton cellus	Insect
21	Ant-like Tiger Beetle	Cicindela cursitans	Insect
21	Woodland Tiger Beetle	Cicindela unipunctata	Insect
21	Sedge Wren	Cistothorus platensis	Bird
21	Red Milkweed Beetle	Tetraopes quinquemaculatus	Insect
19	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Accipiter striatus	Bird
19	Elktoe	Alasmidonta marginata	Mussel
19	Brown Bullhead	Ameiurus nebulosus	Fish
19	Grasshopper Sparrow	Ammodramus savannarum	Bird
19	American Black Duck	Anas rubripes	Bird
19	Anhinga	Anhinga anhinga	Bird
19	Eastern Whip-poor-will	Antrostomus vociferus	Bird
19	Sanderling	Calidris alba	Bird
19	Dunlin	Calidris alpina	Bird
19	Stilt Sandpiper	Calidris himantopus	Bird
19	Common Wormsnake	Carphophis amoenus	Reptile
19	Chimney Swift	Chaetura pelagica	Bird
19	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus americanus	Bird
19	Northern Bobwhite	Colinus virginianus	Bird
19	Chicken Turtle	Deirochelys reticularia	Reptile
19	Six-banded Longhorn Beetle	Dryobius sexnotatus	Insect
19	Tricolored Heron	Egretta tricolor	Bird
19	Dion Skipper	Euphyes dion	Insect
19	American Kestrel	Falco sparverius	Bird
19	Common Gallinule	Gallinula galeata	Bird
19	Purple Finch	Haemorhous purpureus	Bird
19	Goldeye	Hiodon alosoides	Fish
19	Mooneye	Hiodon tergisus	Fish
19	Wood Thrush	Hylocichla mustelina	Bird
19	Least Bittern	Ixobrychus exilis	Bird
19	American Brook Lamprey	Lethenteron appendix	Fish
19	Short-billed Dowitcher	Limnodromus griseus	Bird
19	Swainson's Warbler	Limnothlypis swainsonii	Bird
19	Pealip Redhorse	Moxostoma pisolabrum	Fish
19	Striped Mullet	Mugil cephalus	Fish
19	Channel Shiner	Notropis wickliffi	Fish
19	Black-crowned Night-Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	Bird
19	Hickorynut	Obovaria olivaria	Mussel
19	Gilt Darter	Percina evides	Fish

19	Ohio Pigtoe	Pleurobema cordatum	Mussel
19	Gray Comma	Polygonia progne	Insect
19	Gulf Mapleleaf	Quadrula nobilis	Mussel
19	Graham's Crayfish Snake	Regina grahamii	Reptile
19	Eastern Harvest Mouse	Reithrodontomys humulis	Mammal
19	Oak Hairstreak	Satyrium favonius ontario	Insect
19	Eastern Spadefoot	Scaphiopus holbrookii	Amphibian
19	Southern Bog Lemming	Synaptomys cooperi	Mammal
19	Ornate Box Turtle	Terrapene ornata	Reptile
19	Lilliput	Toxolasma parvum	Mussel
19	Texas Lilliput	Toxolasma texasiense	Mussel
19	Tapered Pondhorn	Uniomerus declivis	Mussel
19	Pondhorn	Uniomerus tetralasmus	Mussel
19	Bell's Vireo	Vireo bellii	Bird
17	Highfin Carpsucker	Carpiodes velifer	Fish
17	Beach-dune Tiger Beetle	Cicindela hirticollis	Insect
17	Trumpeter Swan	Cygnus buccinator	Bird
17	Goldstripe Darter	Etheostoma parvipinne	Fish
17	Round Pigtoe	Pleurobema sintoxia	Mussel
17	Little Spectaclecase group	Villosa sp. cf lienosa	Mussel
16	American Badger	Taxidea taxus	Mammal
15	Mole Salamander	Ambystoma talpoideum	Amphibian
15	Gorgone Checkerspot	Chlosyne gorgone	Insect
15	Monarch	Danaus plexippus	Insect
15	Lake Chubsucker	Erimyzon sucetta	Fish
15	Swamp Darter	Etheostoma fusiforme	Fish
15	Dwarf Salamander	Eurycea quadridigitata	Amphibian
15	Bird-voiced Treefrog	Hyla avivoca	Amphibian
15	Glossy Swampsnake	Liodytes rigida	Reptile
15	Shoal Chub	Macrhybopsis hyostoma	Fish
15	Long-tailed Weasel	Mustela frenata	Mammal
15	Slender Glass Lizard	Ophisaurus attenuatus	Reptile
15	Saddleback Darter	Percina vigil	Fish
15	American Golden-Plover	Pluvialis dominica	Bird
15	Broad-winged Skipper	Poanes viator	Insect
15	Southern Mapleleaf	Quadrula apiculata	Mussel
15	Western Harvest Mouse	Reithrodontomys megalotis	Mammal
15	Fawnsfoot	Truncilla donaciformis	Mussel
15	Rainbow	Villosa iris	Mussel
13	Twelve-spotted Tiger Beetle	Cicindela duodecimguttata	Insect
11	Winter Stonefly	Allocapnia malverna	Insect
11	Bronze Copper	Lycaena hyllus	Insect
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