



Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

Summary of Endangered Species Proposed Actions

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is required to review the designation of species as endangered, threatened, or of special concern to determine whether species should be added or removed from Connecticut's List of Endangered, Threatened and Special Concern Species, or, if necessary, change the designation from one category to another. DEEP has completed the latest review and is providing a summary of the proposed changes to the State Endangered Species list (DEEP Regulations Sections 26-306-4, 26-306-5, and 26-306-6).

- The proposed changes have been compiled and entered into [Connecticut eRegulations](#) system.
- DEEP is soliciting **public comments through June 30, 2026**; comments may be submitted by selecting the "Comment Now" button on the [eRegulation webpage for this proposal](#).
- Additionally, a **public hearing will be held on June 17, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**, through Zoom. ([Register for the meeting.](#))
- This information is also included in the [Notice of Intent](#).

E = Endangered

T = Threatened

SC = Special Concern

* = Believed Extirpated

Mammals

- Allegheny (Eastern) woodrat (*Neotoma magister*), (SC*) - delist
- Eastern cougar (*Puma concolor cougar*), (SC*) - delist
- Northern flying squirrel (*Glaucomys sabrinus*) - list as SC
- Eastern water shrew (*Sorex albibarbis*) - list as SC

Birds

- Saltmarsh sparrow (*Ammodramus caudacutus*)— change from SC to T (*Ammospiza caudacuta*)
- Northern saw-whet owl (*Aegolius acadicus*) change from SC to T
- Vesper sparrow (*Pooecetes gramineus*) change from E to SC*
- Peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) change from T to SC
- Bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) change from T to SC
- American oystercatcher (*Haematopus palliatus*) change from T to SC
- Henslow's sparrow (*Ammodramus henslowii*), (SC*), delist
- Northern parula (*Setophaga cerulea*), (SC), delist
- Taxonomic changes:
 - Common moorhen change from *Gallinula chloropus* to *Gallinula galeata* (E)
 - Northern harrier change from *Circus cyaneus* to *Circus hudsonius* (E)

- *Ammodramus caudacutus* Saltmarsh sharp-tailed sparrow to *Ammospiza caudacuta*, Saltmarsh Sparrow (SC->T)
- *Ammodramus maritimus* to *Ammospiza maritima* (T)
- *Caprimulgus vociferus* to *Anrostomus vociferus* (SC)
- *Passerculus sandwichensis ssp. princeps* to *Passerculus sandwichensis princeps* (SC)
- *Cistothorus platensis* to *Cistothorus stellaris* (E)
- *Accipiter gentilis*, Northern Goshawk (T) to *Accipiter atricapillus*, American Goshawk (T)
- Whippoorwill *Caprimulgus vociferus* (SC) to *Anrostomus vociferus* (SC)

Amphibians and Reptiles

- Atlantic coast leopard frog (*Rana kauffeldi*) list as E
- Fowler's toad (*Bufo fowleri*) list as SC

Fish

- Threespine Stickleback (*Gasterosteus aculeatus*) list as SC

Invertebrates

- Alewife floater (*Utterbackiana implicata*) list as SC (petitioned as *Anodonta implicata*, taxonomic change, use *Utterbackiana*)
- Creeper (*Strophitus undulatus*) list as T
- Lash Springfly, (*Remenus bilobatus*) list as SC
- *Fossaria galbana* (SC*) delist
- Allegheny River Cruiser (*Macromia alleghaniensis*) add as SC
- *Lithophane lemmeri* – change to SC*
- Taxonomic changes:
 - *Gomphus fraternus* to *Gomphurus fraternus* (T)
 - *Gomphus vastus* to *Gomphurus vastus* (SC)
 - *Gomphus descriptus* to *Phanogomphus descriptus* (T)
 - *Gomphus quadricolor* to *Phanogomphus quadricolor* (T)
 - *Gomphus adelphus* to *Hylogomphus adelphus* (SC)
 - *Gomphus ventricosus* to *Gomphurus ventricosus* (SC)
 - *Cicindela lepida* to *Ellipsoptera lepida* (E)
 - *Cicindela marginata* to *Ellipsoptera marginata* (SC)
 - *Bombus ashtoni* to *Bombus bohemicus* (SC*)
 - *Speyeria idalia* to *Argynnis idalia* (SC*)
 - *Speyeria atlantis* to *Argynnis atlantis* (E)
 - *Abagrotis nefascia benjamini* to *Abagrotis benjamini* (T)
 - *Lycaena epixanthe* to *Tharsalea epixanthe* (SC)
 - *Lycaena hyllus* to *Tharsalea hyllus* (SC)
 - *Tibicen auletes* to *Megatibicen auletes* (E)
 - *Grammia phyllira* to *Apantesis phyllira* (E)
 - *Grammia speciosa* to *Apantesis speciosa* (E)
 - *Eucosma morrisoni* to *Pelochrista morrisoni* (T)

- *Phaneta clavata* to *Eucosma clavata* (T)
- *Speranza exonerata* to *Macaria exonerata* (T)
- *Cicindela dorsalis dorsalis* to *Habroscelimorpha dorsalis dorsalis* (SC*)
- *Leptodea ochracea* to *Atlanticoncha ochracea* (SC)
- *Bembidion planum* (SC) common name from Ground Beetle to Flat Riverbank Ground Beetle

Plants

- *Alopecurus aequalis* change from T to E
- *Antennaria howellii* ssp. *petaloidea* change from SC* to SC
- *Arethusa bulbosa* change from SC* to E
- *Bouteloua curtipendula* add “(Native populations only)” (E)
- *Cardamine dentata*, list as SC
- *Carex crawfordii* change from SC* to SC
- *Carex striatula* list as SC
- *Carex styloflexa* list as SC
- *Celastrus scandens* change from SC to T
- *Cuscuta coryli* change from SC* to SC
- *Elymus villosus* var. *arkansanus*, Downy wild-rye, list as SC
- *Erechtites hieraciifolius* var. *megalocarpus*, list as SC
- *Erigeron philadelphicus* var. *provancheri* list as E
- *Linnaea borealis* ssp. *americana* add “(Native populations only)” (E)
- *Linum medium* var. *texanum* list as SC
- *Morus rubra*, relist as T
- *Nuphar advena* change from SC* to SC
- *Nuphar microphylla* change from SC* to SC
- *Opuntia cespitosa* list as SC, and add “(Native populations only)”
- *Opuntia humifusa* add “(Native populations only)” (SC)
- *Panicum verrucosum* change from SC* to SC
- *Polygala nuttallii* change from T to E
- *Polygonum buxiforme*, list as SC*
- *Potamogeton ogdenii* delist (now considered a hybrid, ×*ogdenii*) (E)
- *Ranunculus micranthus*, list as SC
- *Ranunculus pensylvanicus* change from SC to T
- *Scutellaria integrifolia* change from E to T
- *Selaginella eclipses*, list as SC
- *Senna hebecarpa* add “(Native populations only)” (T)
- *Sibbaldiopsis tridentata* add “(Native populations only)” (T)
- *Solidago latissimifolia* change from SC* to SC
- *Symphyotrichum prenanthoides* add “Native populations only” (SC*)
- *Verbena simplex* change from SC* to E
- *Viburnum prunifolium* add “(Native populations only)” (T)

- Taxonomic changes
 - *Agalinis acuta* to *Agalinis decemloba* (E)
 - *Anemone canadensis* to *Anemonastrum canadense* (T)
 - *Deschampsia cespitosa* to *Deschampsia anadyrensis* (SC)
 - *Dryopteris goldiana* to *Dryopteris goldieana* (SC)
 - *Eleocharis quadrangulata* var. *crassior* to *Eleocharis quadrangulata* (E)
 - *Goodyera repens* var. *ophioides* to *Goodyera repens* (SC*)
 - *Malaxis brachypoda* to *Malaxis monophyllos* var. *brachypoda* (E)
 - *Myriophyllum alterniflorum* change common name to Alternate-flower water-milfoil (E)
 - *Potamogeton gemmiparus* to *Potamogeton berchtoldii* ssp. *gemmiparus* (T)
 - *Rubus dalibarda* to *Rubus repens* (E)
 - *Scheuchzeria palustris* ssp. *americana* to *Scheuchzeria palustris* (E)
 - *Spiranthes tuberosa* var. *grayi* to *Spiranthes tuberosa* (SC)
 - *Viburnum nudum* to *Viburnum nudum* var. *nudum*, change common name to Southern wild raisin, and add (“Native populations only”) (SC*)
 - *Pycnanthemum torrei* spelling change to *Pycnanthemum torreyi* (E)