

Public Feedback on the DRAFT List of Habitats, Threats, and Actions for the 2025 Species of Greatest Conservation Need

Every ten years, each state creates a plan that maps out the next ten years of wildlife conservation. Each State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) identifies which species are of greatest conservation need for the state, the habitats they use, the issues they face, and the actions that may help them. Connecticut wrote our first Wildlife Action Plan in 2005, and last revised it in 2015. With your input, our scientific teams finalized CT's 2025 list of species of greatest conservation need and have drafted a list of Habitats, Issues, and Actions for these species. With 2025 rapidly approaching, we'd love your input again to help finalize these lists!

For more information: [CT SWAP](#)

Habitats

1. **Which three habitat types do you believe should receive the greatest attention for conservation? (*check only 3*)**

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Forests
- ☐ Open uplands (e.g., grasslands)
- ☐ Caves
- ☐ Developed areas
- ☐ Rivers
- ☐ Lakes
- ☐ Shorelines (freshwater and ocean)
- ☐ Tidal areas (estuaries)
- ☐ Ocean

Issues

2. **Thinking about conditions statewide in CT, which three issues related to wildlife and habitats are you most concerned about? (check only three)**

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Residential and commercial development
- ☐ Agriculture (e.g., crops, timber, shellfish)
- ☐ Energy production and mining
- ☐ Transportation and utility corridors (e.g., roads, powerline cuts)
- ☐ Harvesting and collecting plants and animals
- ☐ Human disturbance of species and their habitats
- ☐ Habitat modification (e.g., control of fire, dams, erosion)
- ☐ Invasive species and disease
- ☐ Pollution
- ☐ Climate change
- ☐ Lack of information about species and their habitats

3. **Thinking about conditions in your town or region of CT, which three issues related to wildlife and habitats are you most concerned about? (check only three)**

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Residential and commercial development
- ☐ Agriculture (e.g., crops, timber, shellfish)
- ☐ Energy production and mining
- ☐ Transportation and utility corridors (e.g., roads, powerline cuts)
- ☐ Harvesting and collecting plants and animals
- ☐ Human disturbance of species and their habitats
- ☐ Habitat modification (e.g., control of fire, dams, erosion)
- ☐ Invasive species and disease
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4. Why do these issues concern you?

Actions

5. **In your opinion, which three of these actions are the highest priority for addressing threats to CT's Species of Greatest Conservation Need? (check only three)**

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Improving habitats
- ☐ Directly managing species and species management
- ☐ Outreach and communication to the public and partners
- ☐ Enforcing environmental laws
- ☐ Creating economic incentives (e.g., solar or carbon credits, green certifications)
- ☐ Designing and planning conservation
- ☐ Preserving land
- ☐ Developing environmental protection laws and policies
- ☐ Conducting research and monitoring
- ☐ Implementing education and training programs
- ☐ Increasing organization support (funding, capacity, and partnerships)

6. **People can participate in various activities to help protect CT's Species of Greatest Conservation Need. How likely are you to complete the following actions?**

Mark only one oval per row.

	Already doing this action	Likely to do this action	Unlikely to do this action	Don't know
Join/ volunteer in a conservation organization	☐	☐	☐	☐
Providing habitat on your land, backyard, or community (forest certifications)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Donating financial support towards conservation	☐	☐	☐	☐
Advocacy, political engagement/ support/ voting for conservation issues	☐	☐	☐	☐
Conservation easement (land trusts)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Community Science (backyard	☐	☐	☐	☐

**bird counts,
Bioblitz's,
etc.)**

7. **If you would like a reply or to be kept informed of the progress of the 2025 CT SWAP revision, please include your email address here:**

8. **If there are any additional ideas you would like to share with CT's State Wildlife Action Plan team, please use the space below to add your input.**

Thank you for your time and interest in CT's fish, wildlife, plants, and habitats!

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