

Status Information

The following listing categories help to describe the various statuses for species. If a species is deemed "Not Listed", readers are encouraged to associate the status bar (see page x) with the distribution map in order to determine whether a species is known to occur a province or simply not designated.



There are four different listing categories under the federal SARA and by COSEWIC:

- **Extirpated:** a species that no longer exists in the wild in Canada, but exists elsewhere in the wild.
- **Endangered:** a species that is facing imminent extirpation or extinction.
- **Threatened:** a species that is likely to become an endangered species if nothing is done to reverse the factors leading to its extirpation or extinction.
- **Special Concern:** a species that may become a threatened or endangered species because of a combination of biological characteristics and identified threats.

These pages were developed in 2013 and any additional species listed in Atlantic Canada since this time are not included in this guide. The status of each species has been updated and is current to March 2021. The National Status refers to both COSEWIC and SARA and is reflective of whichever designation is most recent. Please refer to the Species at Risk Public Registry for more information.



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Provincial Rankings (protected under the provincial Acts):

 New Brunswick Species At Risk Act	 Newfoundland and Labrador Endangered Species Act	 Nova Scotia Endangered Species Act	 Prince Edward Island* Wildlife Conservation Act
Endangered Threatened Special Concern	Extinct ¹ Extirpated ¹ Endangered Threatened Vulnerable	Extinct ¹ Extirpated ¹ Endangered Threatened Vulnerable	Extinct ¹ Extirpated ¹ Endangered Threatened Special Concern

¹ It should be noted that species assigned as "extinct" and "extirpated" are not included in this guidebook.

* As of 2021, no species at risk are listed under the Wildlife Conservation Act in PEI.