



# Update Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List

Protect six at-risk species from extinction in Maine

***Protecting wildlife from extinction is vital to maintaining Maine's biodiversity and the economic opportunities Maine's environment provides***



Photo courtesy Ryan von Linden/New York Department of Environmental Conservation

## Six species in Maine are at risk and need protection

- The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIFW) has conducted thorough analyses of the scientific data about the health of various species' population and has concluded that six species merit listing and three require changes to their status.
- Listing proposals are based on sound science. Each recommendation was guided by established, scientific criteria and listing guidelines based on statutory mandates.
- Determination of how the species and their habitats are managed is a separate step from the listing.
- DIFW has flexibility and can choose from a variety of management tools once a species is listed.

## Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List is an important tool but it's out-of-date

### There are many benefits to updating the List:

- The purpose of the List is to identify species that are at risk of becoming extinct in Maine in order to protect them and enhance their numbers.
- Updates to the List were last approved by the Maine Legislature in 2007.
- The List helps landowners know which animals are rare and vulnerable.
- The List provides advance notice to developers and helps eliminate permitting surprises.
- The List promotes education about Maine wildlife for Maine residents and visitors.
- The List creates opportunities for additional funding for protection and management.



Photo by Eric Hynes

## The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is proposing changes to the state's Endangered and Threatened Species List

- **Endangered:** Black-crowned night heron, Great cormorant (breeding population only/currently threatened), Cobblestone tiger beetle, Frigga fritillary, Six-whorl vertigo, Little brown bat, and Northern long-eared bat.
- **Threatened:** Roaring brook mayfly (currently endangered), Clayton's copper (currently endangered), and Eastern small-footed bat.

## Approve the Updates to Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List

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## **Maine's Environmental Priorities Coalition**

is a partnership of 31 environmental, conservation and public health organizations representing over 100,000 members who want to protect the good health, good jobs and quality of life that our environment provides.

***We are counting on Maine policymakers to take the important steps needed to make wise use of Maine's extraordinary environment so Maine people and Maine's economy can thrive.***

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