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Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) List

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This list is a summary of Species at Risk in **Ontario**.

For the complete Species at Risk in Ontario List regulation (O. Reg. 230/08) please consult [e-Laws](#).

What is at risk in my area?

Instructions

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Taxonomy	Common Name ▲	Scientific Name	OMNR Status	Range Map
Birds	Acadian Flycatcher	Empidonax virescens	END	range
Amphibians	Allegheny Mountain Dusky Salamander	Desmognathus ochrophaeus	END	range
Mammals	American Badger [PDF fact sheet]	Taxidea taxus	END	range
Plants	American Chestnut	Castanea dentata	END	range
Plants	American Columbo	Frasera caroliniensis	END	range
Fish	American Eel [PDF fact sheet]	Anguilla rostrata	END	range
Plants	American Ginseng	Panax quinquefolius	END	range
Plants	American Water-willow	Justicia americana	THR	range
Birds	American White Pelican [fact sheet (PDF)]	Pelecanus erythrorhynchos	THR	range
Insects	Aweme Borer Moth	Papaipema aweme	END	range
		Haliaeetus		

Birds	Bald Eagle [fact sheet (PDF)]	leucocephalus	SC	range
Birds	Barn Owl [PDF fact sheet]	Tyto alba	END	range
Birds	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	THR	
Mammals	Beluga	Delphinapterus leucas	SC	range
Plants	Bent spike-rush [PDF fact sheet]	Eleocharis geniculata	END	
Plants	Bird's-foot Violet	Viola pedata	END	range
Fish	Black Redhorse	Moxostoma duquesnei	THR	range
Birds	Black Tern	Chlidonias niger	SC	range
Fish	Blackstripe Topminnow	Fundulus notatus	SC	range
Amphibians	Blanchard's Cricket Frog	Acris blanchardi	EXP	range
Reptiles	Blanding's Turtle [fact sheet (PDF)]	Emydoidea blandingii	THR	range
Plants	Blue Ash	Fraxinus quadrangulata	SC	range
Reptiles	Blue Racer	Coluber constrictor foxii	END	range
Plants	Bluehearts	Buchnera americana	END	range
Plants	Blunt-lobed Woodsia	Woodsia obtusa	END	range
Birds	Bobolink [fact sheet (PDF)]	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	THR	range
Insects	Bogbean Buckmoth	Hemileuca sp.	END	range
Plants	Branched Bartonias	Bartonia paniculata	THR	range
Fish	Bridle Shiner	Notropis bifrenatus	SC	range
Plants	Broad Beech Fern	Phegopteris hexagonoptera	SC	range
Reptiles	Butler's Gartersnake	Thamnophis butleri	END	range
Plants	Butternut [fact sheet (PDF)]	Juglans cinerea	END	range
Birds	Canada warbler [PDF fact sheet]	Wilsonia canadensis	SC	
Birds	Cerulean Warbler	Dendroica cerulea	THR	range
Fish	Channel Darter	Percina copelandi	THR	range
Plants	Cherry Birch	Betula lenta	END	range
Birds	Chimney swift [PDF fact sheet]	Chaetura pelagica	THR	
Plants	Climbing Prairie Rose	Rosa setigera	SC	range
Plants	Colicroot	Aletris farinosa	THR	range
Reptiles	Common Five-lined Skink (Carolinian population) [fact sheet (PDF)]	Plestiodon fasciatus	END	range
Reptiles	Common Five-lined Skink (Southern Shield population)	Plestiodon fasciatus	SC	range
Plants	Common Hoptree	Ptelea trifoliata	THR	range
Birds	Common nighthawk [PDF fact sheet]	Chordeiles minor	SC	

Plants	Crooked-stem Aster	Symphyotrichum prenanthoides	THR	range
Plants	Cucumber Tree	Magnolia acuminata	END	range
Fish	Cutlip Minnow	Exoglossum maxillingua	THR	range
Plants	Deerberry	Vaccinium stamineum	THR	range
Plants	Dense Blazing Star	Liatris spicata	THR	range
Plants	Drooping Trillium	Trillium flexipes	END	range
Plants	Dwarf Hackberry	Celtis tenuifolia	THR	range
Plants	Dwarf Lake Iris	Iris lacustris	SC	range
Plants	Eastern Flowering Dogwood	Cornus florida [PDF fact sheet]	END	range
Reptiles	Eastern Foxsnake (Carolinian population) [PDF fact sheet]	Pantherophis gloydi	END	range
Reptiles	Eastern Foxsnake (Georgian Bay population)	Pantherophis gloydi	THR	range
Reptiles	Eastern Hog-nosed Snake [fact sheet (PDF)]	Heterodon platirhinos	THR	range
Birds	Eastern Meadowlark	Sturnella magna	THR	
Mammals	Eastern Mole	Scalopus aquaticus	SC	range
Reptiles	Eastern Musk Turtle	Sternotherus odoratus	THR	range
Insects	Eastern Persius Duskywing	Erynnis persius persius	EXP	range
Molluscs	Eastern Pondmussel [PDF fact sheet]	Ligumia nasuta	END	range
Plants	Eastern Prairie Fringed-orchid [PDF fact sheet]	Platanthera leucophaea	END	range
Plants	Eastern Prickly Pear Cactus (Fish Point Provincial Nature Reserve on Pelee Island)	Opuntia humifusa	END	range
Reptiles	Eastern Ribbonsnake	Thamnophis sauritus	SC	range
Fish	Eastern Sand Darter	Ammocrypta pellucida	END	range
Amphibians	Eastern Tiger Salamander	Ambystoma tigrinum	EXP	range
Birds	Eastern Whip-poor-will [PDF fact sheet]	Caprimulgus vociferus	THR	
Mammals	Eastern Wolf	Canis lupus lycaon	SC	range
Plants	Engelmann's Quillwort [PDF fact sheet]	Isoetes engelmannii	END	range
Birds	Eskimo Curlew	Numenius borealis	EXP	range
Plants	False Hop Sedge	Carex lupuliformis	END	range
Plants	False Rue-anemone	Enemion biternatum	THR	range
Molluscs	Fawnsfoot [PDF fact sheet]	Truncilla donaciformis	END	
Plants	Few-flowered Club-rush (Pickering and Hamilton) [PDF fact sheet]	Trichophorum planifolium	END	range

Lichens	Flooded Jellyskin	Leptogium rivulare	THR	range
Plants	Forked Three-awned Grass	Aristida basiramea	END	range
Plants	Four-leaved Milkweed	Asclepias quadrifolia	END	range
Amphibians	Fowler's Toad	Anaxyrus fowleri	END	range
Insects	Frosted Elfin	Callophrys irus	EXP	range
Plants	Gattinger's Agalinis	Agalinis gattingeri	END	range
Birds	Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos	END	range
Birds	Golden-winged Warbler	Vermivora chrysoptera	SC	range
Plants	Goldenseal	Hydrastis canadensis	THR	range
Fish	Grass Pickerel	Esox americanus vermiculatus	SC	range
Fish	Gravel Chub	Erimystax x-punctatus	EXP	range
Reptiles	Gray Ratsnake (Carolinian population) [PDF fact sheet]	Pantherophis spiloides	END	range
Reptiles	Gray Ratsnake (Frontenac axis population)	Pantherophis spiloides	THR	range
Birds	Greater Prairie-Chicken	Tymppanuchus cupido	EXP	range
Plants	Green Dragon	Arisaema dracontium	SC	range
Mammals	Grey Fox	Urocyon cinereoargenteus	THR	range
Plants	Hart's-tongue Fern	Asplenium scolopendrium americanum	SC	range
Plants	Heart-leaved Plantain	Plantago cordata	END	range
Birds	Henslow's Sparrow	Ammodramus henslowii	END	range
Molluscs	Hickorynut	Obovaria olivaria	END	
Plants	Hill's Pondweed	Potamogeton hillii	SC	range
Plants	Hill's Thistle	Cirsium hillii	THR	range
Insects	Hine's Emerald	Somatochlora hineana	END	
Plants	Hoary Mountain-mint	Pycnanthemum incanum	END	range
Birds	Hooded Warbler [PDF fact sheet]	Wilsonia citrina	SC	range
Birds	Horned grebe [PDF fact sheet]	Podiceps auritus	SC	
Plants	Horsetail Spike-rush	Eleocharis equisetoides	END	range
Plants	Houghton's Goldenrod	Solidago houghtonii	THR	range
Insects	Hungerford's Crawling Water Beetle	Brychius hungerfordi	END	
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Plants	Illinois Tick-trefoil	<u>illinoense</u>	EXP	<u>range</u>
Mosses	Incurved Grizzled Moss	<u>Ptychomitrium incurvum</u>	EXP	<u>range</u>
Amphibians	Jefferson Salamander <u>[PDF fact sheet]</u>	<u>Ambystoma jeffersonianum</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Plants	Juniper Sedge	<u>Carex juniperorum</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Insects	Karner Blue	<u>Lycaeides melissa samuelis</u>	EXP	<u>range</u>
Plants	Kentucky Coffee-tree	<u>Gymnocladus dioicus</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Molluscs	Kidneyshell	<u>Ptychobranchus fasciolaris</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Birds	King Rail	<u>Rallus elegans</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Birds	Kirtland's Warbler	<u>Dendroica kirtlandii</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Fish	Lake Chubsucker	<u>Erimyzon sucetta</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Reptiles	Lake Erie Watersnake	<u>Nerodia sipedon insularum</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Fish	Lake Sturgeon (Great Lakes-Upper St. Lawrence River population) <u>[PDF fact sheet]</u>	<u>Acipenser fulvescens</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Fish	Lake Sturgeon (Northwestern Ontario population) <u>[PDF fact sheet]</u>	<u>Acipenser fulvescens</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Fish	Lake Sturgeon (Southern Hudson Bay/James Bay population) <u>[PDF fact sheet]</u>	<u>Acipenser fulvescens</u>	SC	<u>range</u>
Plants	Lakeside Daisy	<u>Tetraneuris herbacea</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Plants	Large Whorled Pogonia	<u>Isotria verticillata</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Insects	Laura's Clubtail	<u>Stylurus laurae</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Birds	Least Bittern	<u>Ixobrychus exilis</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Birds	Loggerhead Shrike <u>[PDF fact sheet]</u>	<u>Lanius ludovicianus</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Birds	Louisiana Waterthrush	<u>Parkesia motacilla</u>	SC	<u>range</u>
Molluscs	Mapleleaf Mussel	<u>Quadrula quadrula</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Reptiles	Massasauga	<u>Sistrurus catenatus</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Reptiles	Milksnake	<u>Lampropeltis triangulum</u>	SC	<u>range</u>
Insects	Monarch <u>[fact sheet (PDF)]</u>	<u>Danaus plexippus</u>	SC	<u>range</u>
Mammals	Mountain Lion or Cougar	<u>Puma concolor</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Plants	Nodding Pogonia	<u>Triphora trianthophora</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Insects	Northern Barrens Tiger Beetle <u>[PDF fact sheet]</u>	<u>Cicindela patruela</u>	END	
Birds	Northern Bobwhite	<u>Colinus virginianus</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Fish	Northern Brook Lamprey	<u>Ichthyomyzon fossor</u>	SC	<u>range</u>

Amphibians	<u>Northern Dusky Salamander</u>	<u>Desmognathus fuscus</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Fish	<u>Northern Madtom</u>	<u>Noturus stigmosus</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Reptiles	<u>Northern Map Turtle</u>	<u>Graptemys geographica</u>	SC	<u>range</u>
Molluscs	<u>Northern Riffleshell</u>	<u>Epioblasma torulosa rangiana</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Plants	<u>Ogden's Pondweed</u> [PDF fact sheet]	<u>Potamogeton ogdenii</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Birds	Olive-sided flycatcher [PDF fact sheet]	Contopus cooperi	SC	
Fish	<u>Paddlefish</u>	<u>Polyodon spathula</u>	EXP	<u>range</u>
Lichens	Pale-bellied Frost Lichen [PDF fact sheet]	Physconia subpallida	END	
Birds	<u>Peregrine Falcon</u> [PDF fact sheet]	<u>Falco peregrinus</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Plants	<u>Pink Milkwort</u>	<u>Polygala incarnata</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Birds	<u>Piping Plover</u> [PDF fact sheet]	<u>Charadrius melodus</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Plants	<u>Pitcher's Thistle</u>	<u>Cirsium pitcheri</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Mammals	<u>Polar Bear</u> [fact sheet (PDF)]	<u>Ursus maritimus</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Birds	<u>Prothonotary Warbler</u>	<u>Protonotaria citrea</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Fish	<u>Pugnose Minnow</u>	<u>Opsopoeodus emiliae</u>	SC	<u>range</u>
Fish	<u>Pugnose Shiner</u>	<u>Notropis anogenus</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Plants	<u>Purple Twayblade</u>	<u>Liparis liliifolia</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Mosses	<u>Pygmy Pocket Moss</u>	<u>Fissidens exilis</u>	SC	<u>range</u>
Insects	Pygmy Snaketail	Ophiogomphus howei	END	
Reptiles	<u>Queensnake</u>	<u>Regina septemvittata</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Molluscs	<u>Rainbow Mussel</u>	<u>Villosa iris</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Insects	Rapids clubtail [PDF fact sheet]	Gomphus quadricolor	END	
Molluscs	<u>Rayed Bean</u>	<u>Villosa fabalis</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Birds	<u>Red Knot rufa subspecies</u> [PDF fact sheet]	<u>Calidris canutus rufa</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Plants	<u>Red Mulberry</u> [fact sheet (PDF)]	<u>Morus rubra</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Birds	<u>Red-headed Woodpecker</u>	<u>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</u>	SC	<u>range</u>
Fish	<u>Redside Dace</u> [fact sheet (PDF)]	<u>Clinostomus elongatus</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Plants	<u>Riddell's Goldenrod</u>	<u>Solidago riddellii</u>	SC	<u>range</u>
Fish	<u>River Redhorse</u>	<u>Moxostoma carinatum</u>	SC	<u>range</u>
Molluscs	<u>Round Hickorynut</u>	<u>Obovaria subrotunda</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Molluscs	<u>Round Pigtoe</u>	<u>Pleurobema</u>	END	<u>range</u>

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Plants	Round-leaved Greenbrier	Smilax rotundifolia	THR	range
Insects	Rusty-patched Bumble Bee	Bombus affinis	END	range
Molluscs	Salamander Mussel	Simpsonaias ambigua	END	range
Plants	Scarlet Ammannia	Ammannia robusta	END	range
Birds	Short-eared Owl	Asio flammeus	SC	range
Fish	Shortjaw Cisco	Coregonus zenithicus	THR	range
Fish	Shortnose Cisco	Coregonus reighardi	END	range
Plants	Showy Goldenrod (Boreal population)	Solidago speciosa	THR	range
Plants	Showy Goldenrod (Great Lakes Plains population)	Solidago speciosa	END	range
Plants	Shumard Oak	Quercus shumardii	SC	range
Fish	Silver Chub	Macrhybopsis storeriana	SC	range
Fish	Silver Shiner	Notropis photogenis	THR	range
Plants	Skinner's Agalinis	Agalinis skinneriana	END	range
Plants	Slender Bush-clover (Tallgrass Prairie Heritage Park, Ojibway Park and Black Oak Heritage Park in the City of Windsor)	Lespedeza virginica	END	range
Plants	Small White Lady's-slipper	Cypripedium candidum	END	range
Plants	Small Whorled Pogonia	Isotria medeoloides	END	range
Plants	Small-flowered Lipocarpha	Lipocarpha micrantha	THR	range
Amphibians	Small-mouthed Salamander	Ambystoma texanum	END	range
Reptiles	Snapping turtle [PDF fact sheet]	Chelydra serpentina	SC	
Molluscs	Snuffbox	Epioblasma triquetra	END	range
Reptiles	Spiny Softshell	Apalone spinifera	THR	range
Mosses	Spoon-leaved Moss	Bryoandersonia illecebra	END	range
Fish	Spotted Gar	Lepisosteus oculatus	THR	range
Fish	Spotted Sucker	Minytrema melanops	SC	range
Reptiles	Spotted Turtle	Clemmys guttata	END	range
Plants	Spotted Wintergreen	Chimaphila maculata	END	range
Plants	Spring Blue-eyed Mary	Collinsia verna	EXP	range
Amphibians	Spring Salamander	Gyrinophilus porphyriticus	EXP	range

Plants	Swamp Rose-mallow	Hibiscus moscheutos	SC	range
Reptiles	Timber Rattlesnake	Crotalus horridus	EXP	range
Plants	Toothcup	Rotala ramosior	END	range
Plants	Tuberous Indian-plantain	Arnoglossum plantagineum	SC	range
Fish	Upper Great Lakes Kiyi	Coregonus kiyi kiyi	SC	range
Plants	Virginia Goat's-rue	Tephrosia virginiana	END	range
Plants	Virginia Mallow [PDF fact sheet]	Sida hermaphrodita	END	
Fish	Warmouth	Lepomis gulosus	SC	range
Molluscs	Wavy-rayed Lampmussel	Lampsilis fasciola	THR	range
Insects	West Virginia White	Pieris virginiensis	SC	range
Plants	Western Silvery Aster [PDF fact sheet]	Symphyotrichum sericeum	END	range
Plants	White Prairie Gentian	Gentiana alba	END	range
Plants	White Wood Aster	Eurybia divaricata	THR	range
Plants	Wild Hyacinth	Camassia scilloides	THR	range
Plants	Willowleaf Aster	Symphyotrichum praealtum	THR	range
Mammals	Wolverine	Gulo gulo	THR	range
Reptiles	Wood Turtle [PDF fact sheet]	Glyptemys insculpta	END	range
Plants	Wood-poppy	Stylophorum diphyllum	END	range
Mammals	Woodland Caribou (Forest-dwelling boreal population) [PDF fact sheet]	Rangifer tarandus caribou	THR	range
Mammals	Woodland Vole	Microtus pinetorum	SC	range
Birds	Yellow Rail	Coturnicops noveboracensis	SC	range
Birds	Yellow-breasted Chat	Icteria virens	SC	range

Glossary

OMNR STATUS		DEFINITION
EXP	Extirpated	A species that no longer exists in the wild in Ontario but still occurs elsewhere.
END	Endangered	A species facing imminent extinction or extirpation in Ontario which is a candidate for regulation under Ontario's ESA.
THR	Threatened	A species that is at risk of becoming endangered in Ontario if limiting factors are not reversed.
SC	Special Concern (formerly Vulnerable)	A species with characteristics that make it sensitive to human activities or natural events.