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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?

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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
Insects	American Burying Beetle	Nicrophorus americanus	EXP	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
		Papaipema		

Insects	Aweme Borer Moth	aweme	END	range
Birds	Bald Eagle [fact sheet (PDF)]	Haliaeetus 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]	Cardellina canadensis	SC	
Birds	Cerulean Warbler	Setophaga 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) [PDF fact sheet]	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
Plants	Goldenseal	Hydrastis canadensis	THR	range
Birds	Golden-winged Warbler	Vermivora chrysoptera	SC	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	Tympanuchus 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	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	

Plants	<u>Illinois Tick-trefoil</u>	<u>Desmodium illinoense</u>	EXP	<u>range</u>
Mosses	<u>Incurved Grizzled Moss</u>	<u>Ptychomitrium incurvum</u>	EXP	<u>range</u>
Amphibians	<u>Jefferson Salamander</u> <u>[PDF fact sheet]</u>	<u>Ambystoma jeffersonianum</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Plants	<u>Juniper Sedge</u>	<u>Carex juniperorum</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Insects	<u>Karner Blue</u>	<u>Lycaeides melissa samuelis</u>	EXP	<u>range</u>
Plants	<u>Kentucky Coffee-tree</u>	<u>Gymnocladus dioicus</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Molluscs	<u>Kidneyshell</u>	<u>Ptychobranchus fasciolaris</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Birds	<u>King Rail</u>	<u>Rallus elegans</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Birds	<u>Kirtland's Warbler</u>	<u>Setophaga kirtlandii</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Fish	<u>Lake Chubsucker</u>	<u>Erimyzon sucetta</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Reptiles	<u>Lake Erie Watersnake</u>	<u>Nerodia sipedon insularum</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Fish	<u>Lake Sturgeon (Great Lakes-Upper St. Lawrence River population)</u> <u>[PDF fact sheet]</u>	<u>Acipenser fulvescens</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Fish	<u>Lake Sturgeon (Northwestern Ontario population)</u> <u>[PDF fact sheet]</u>	<u>Acipenser fulvescens</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Fish	<u>Lake Sturgeon (Southern Hudson Bay/James Bay population)</u> <u>[PDF fact sheet]</u>	<u>Acipenser fulvescens</u>	SC	<u>range</u>
Plants	<u>Lakeside Daisy</u>	<u>Tetraneuris herbacea</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Plants	<u>Large Whorled Pogonia</u>	<u>Isotria verticillata</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Insects	Laura's Clubtail	<u>Stylurus laurae</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Birds	<u>Least Bittern</u>	<u>Ixobrychus exilis</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Mammals	Little Brown Myotis (Bat)	<u>Myotis lucifugus</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Birds	<u>Loggerhead Shrike</u> <u>[PDF fact sheet]</u>	<u>Lanius ludovicianus</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Birds	<u>Louisiana Waterthrush</u>	<u>Parkesia motacilla</u>	SC	<u>range</u>
Molluscs	<u>Mapleleaf Mussel</u>	<u>Quadrula quadrula</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Reptiles	<u>Massasauga</u>	<u>Sistrurus catenatus</u>	THR	<u>range</u>
Reptiles	<u>Milksnake</u>	<u>Lampropeltis triangulum</u>	SC	<u>range</u>
Insects	<u>Monarch</u> <u>[fact sheet (PDF)]</u>	<u>Danaus plexippus</u>	SC	<u>range</u>
Mammals	<u>Mountain Lion or Cougar</u>	<u>Puma concolor</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Plants	<u>Nodding Pogonia</u>	<u>Triphora trianthophora</u>	END	<u>range</u>
Insects	Northern Barrens Tiger Beetle <u>[PDF fact sheet]</u>	<u>Cicindela patruela</u>	END	
Birds	<u>Northern Bobwhite</u>	<u>Colinus virginianus</u>	END	<u>range</u>

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

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

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

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	A species with characteristics that make it sensitive to human activities or

	(formerly Vulnerable)	natural events.
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