

Life on the Edge

Endangered Species – a native species or subspecies that is in serious danger of becoming extinct throughout all, or a significant portion, of its range as a result of one or more causes, including loss of habitat, overexploitation, competition, or disease.

Threatened Species – a native species that, while not presently threatened with extinction, is likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future if not given special protection and management efforts.

Rare Species – a native species that, although not presently threatened with extinction, exists in such small numbers throughout its range that it may become threatened if its present environmental conditions worsen.

Species Name:

1. What is its status? (See above.)
2. Where does it live?
3. What does it look like?
4. What is its habitat?
5. What is the current range of its population?
6. Why is it rare, threatened, or endangered?
7. Are any current actions being taken to improve its chances of survival?
8. What are some ways in which people can reduce or eliminate the threats to the survival of the species?
9. What other species depend on it?
10. Why is it important that this species survive? (Give several reasons.)