

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND PARKS
2008
Petition for Species Review to Determine
Endangered/ Threatened/Species-in-Need-of-Conservation Status

Kansas lists rare species as Endangered*, Threatened, or Species-in-Need-of-Conservation (SINC). Every 5 years the list is reviewed as required by statute (K.S.A. 32-960). A Threatened and Endangered Species Task Committee oversees the process and makes listing recommendations to the Secretary of Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks (KDWP). The recommended changes must then be approved of the KDWP Commission.

At this time, the committee seeks input from other sources regarding listing, delisting, uplisting, or downlisting of Kansas wildlife. This can be accomplished by completing the attached petition form to justify a review. Petitioners are strongly encouraged to provide all substantive biological information with cited references to aid in the review. The information requested herein will be considered to initiate a review.

The Threatened and Endangered Species Task Committee will evaluate all completed petitions and determine if there is adequate data to continue the evaluation process. If the species is accepted for further review, there will be public information meetings conducted in regard to the listing change.

All petitioning documents pertaining to the species will be made available to the public at a local repository or regional office of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. A notice of the proposed action will also be sent to federal and state agencies and local and tribal governments that may be affected by the petitioned species, and to all individuals and organizations that have requested notification. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks will issue news releases concerning the proposed species. In addition, individual petitions and substantiating data will be distributed to and evaluated by: 1) academia, 2) wildlife agency personnel, 3) other professionals, 4) other resource agencies (state and federal) and 5) nonprofessionals who have known expertise/experience with the petitioned species.

Questions concerning the petitioning and review process should be directed to Edwin J. Miller, Endangered Species Specialist, KDWP, 5089 CR 2925, Independence, KS 67301 (edm@wp.state.ks.us). Completed Petition for Species Review forms should arrive at the same address no later than **May 31, 2008**.

If there is insufficient space for your reply to any of the informational requests, attach extra sheets. Be sure to reference your attached material to the appropriate numbered questions. Feel free to copy and distribute the attached Petition for Species Review form to other individuals and organizations you think would be interested. The currently listed Kansas species can be found at:

http://www/kdwp.state.ks.us/news/other_services/threatened_and_endangered_species

Threatened and Endangered
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* Endangered Species: any species of wildlife whose continued existence as a viable component of the state's wild fauna is determined to be in jeopardy (KSA 32-958c).

Threatened Species: any species of wildlife which appears likely, within the foreseeable future, to become an endangered species (KSA 32-958f).

Species-in-Need-of-Conservation: (SINC) those species which are highly specialized, whose habitat is very limited in Kansas, or show population declines that warrant data collection concerning its status in Kansas. Conservation efforts focused on these species can prevent future listing as threatened or endangered.