



Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department
Nongame and Natural Heritage Program



Explanation of Legal Status and Information Ranks

State Rank - Value that best characterizes the relative rarity (abundance) or endangerment of a taxon within Vermont.

Global Rank - Value that best characterizes the relative rarity (abundance) or endangerment of a taxon throughout its range.

1 - Very rare (Critically imperiled): At very high risk of extinction or extirpation due to extreme rarity (often 5 or fewer populations or occurrences), very steep declines, or other factors

2 - Rare (Imperiled): At high risk of extinction or extirpation due to very restricted range, very few populations (often 20 or fewer), steep declines, or other factors

3 - Uncommon (Vulnerable): At moderate risk of extinction or extirpation due to restricted range, relatively few populations or occurrences (often 80 or fewer), recent and widespread declines, or other factors

4 - Common to uncommon (Apparently secure): locally common or widely scattered to uncommon, but not rare; some cause for long-term concern due to declines or other factors; or stable over many decades and not threatened but of restricted distribution or other factors

5 - Common (Secure): widespread and abundant

H - Possibly extinct/extirpated: Missing; known from only historical occurrences but still some hope of rediscovery

X - Presumed extinct/extirpated: Not located despite intensive searches and virtually no likelihood of rediscovery

U - Unrankable: Currently unrankable due to lack of information or due to substantially conflicting information about status or trends

NR - Not ranked: Not yet assessed

NA - Not applicable. Element is not a suitable target for conservation for one of the following reasons: Hybrid, Exotic Origin, Accidental/Nonregular, Not Confidently Present, No Definable Occurrences

B - Indicates the preceding rank is for breeding populations

N - Indicates the preceding rank is for nonbreeding populations

M - Indicates the preceding rank is for migratory populations

T - For global ranks only, indicates an infraspecies.

Q - For global ranks only, indicates questionable taxonomy.

? - indicates uncertainty about the rank, uncertainty may also be expressed in the form of a range rank (e.g. S1S3)

State Status - Legal protection under Vermont Endangered Species Law (10 V.S.A. Chap. 123) or informational category

E = Endangered: in immediate danger of becoming extirpated in the state

T = Threatened: with high possibility of becoming endangered in the near future

PDL = Proposed for Delisting

PE = Proposed for Endangered Status (not legally protected)

PT = Proposed for Threatened Status (not legally protected)

SC = Special Concern: status should be watched (not legally protected)

Federal Status - Designation under the federal Endangered Species Act, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

LE = Listed Endangered

LT = Listed Threatened

PDL = Proposed for Delisting

C = Candidate for Listing (not legally protected)

SC = Species of Concern (not legally protected)