## Proposed Protected Species in Ontario List vs. Species at Risk in Ontario List September 2025

The following table shows the species currently listed on the Species at Risk in Ontario List and their classification (O. Reg. 230/08) under the *Endangered Species Act*, 2007, and those species under consideration for listing on the Protected Species List under the *Species Conservation Act*, 2025 (SCA).

## **LEGEND**

EXP = extirpated

END = endangered

THR = threatened

SC = special concern

SARA = Species at Risk Act

COSSARO = Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario

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Acadian Flycatcher	Birds	END		Migratory bird that receives federal SARA protection
Allegheny Mountain Dusky Salamander	Amphibians	END	END	
American Badger (Northwestern Ontario population)	Mammals	END	END	

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American Badger (Southwestern Ontario population)	Mammals	END	END	
American Bumble Bee	Insects	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
American Burying Beetle	Insects	EXP	EXP	
American Chestnut	Vascular Plants	END	END	
American Columbo	Vascular Plants	END	END	
American Eel	Fishes	END	END	Aquatic species that does not receive federal SARA protection, but under SARA listing consideration
American Ginseng	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	
American Hart's Tongue Fern	Vascular Plants	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
American Water-willow	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	
American White Pelican	Birds	THR		Re-classified as SC by COSSARO in 2024, SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Bank Swallow	Birds	THR		Migratory bird that receives federal SARA protection

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Barn Owl	Birds	END	END	
Barn Swallow	Birds	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Bent Spike-rush	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Bird's Foot Violet	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Black Ash	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Black Redhorse	Fishes	THR		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection
Black Tern	Birds	sc	END	Re-classified as END by COSSARO in 2024
Blackstripe Topminnow	Fishes	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Blanchard's Cricket Frog	Amphibians	EXP	EXP	
Blanding's Turtle	Reptiles	THR	THR	
Blue Ash	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	
Blue Racer	Reptiles	END	END	
Bluehearts	Vascular Plants	END	END	

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Blunt-lobed Woodsia	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Bobolink	Birds	THR		Migratory bird that receives federal SARA protection, but under SARA downlisting consideration
Bogbean Buckmoth	Insects	END	END	
Branched Bartonia	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	
Bridle Shiner	Fishes	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Broad Beech Fern	Vascular Plants	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Broad-banded Forestsnail	Molluscs	END	END	
Butler's Gartersnake	Reptiles	END	END	
Butternut	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Canada Warbler	Birds	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Caribou - Boreal population	Mammals	THR	THR	

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Caribou - Eastern Migratory population	Mammals	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Carolina Mantleslug	Molluscs	THR	THR	
Cerulean Warbler	Birds	THR		Migratory bird that receives federal SARA protection
Channel Darter	Fishes	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Cherry Birch	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Chimney Swift	Birds	THR		Migratory bird that receives federal SARA protection
Cleland's Evening Primrose	Vascular Plants		END	Classified as END by COSSARO in 2024
Climbing Prairie Rose	Vascular Plants	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Colicroot	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Common Five-lined Skink (Carolinian population)	Reptiles	END	END	
Common Five-lined Skink (Southern Shield Population)	Reptiles	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA

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Common Hoptree	Vascular Plants	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Common Nighthawk	Birds	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Cougar	Mammals	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Crooked-stem Aster	Vascular Plants	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Cucumber Tree	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Cutlip Minnow	Fishes	THR	THR	
Davis's Shieldback	Insects	THR	THR	
Deerberry	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	
Dense Blazing Star	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	
Domed Disc	Molluscs		END	Classified as END by COSSARO in 2024
Downy Yellow False Foxglove	Vascular Plants	END	END	

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Drooping Trillium	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Dukes' Skipper	Insects	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Dwarf Hackberry	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	
Dwarf Lake Iris	Vascular Plants	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Eastern Banded Tigersnail	Molluscs	END	END	
Eastern Box Turtle	Reptiles	EXP	EXP	
Eastern False Rue- anemone	Vascular Plants	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Eastern Flowering Dogwood	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Eastern Foxsnake (Carolinian population)	Reptiles	THR	THR	
Eastern Foxsnake (Great Lakes / St. Lawrence population)	Reptiles	THR	THR	

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Eastern Hog-nosed Snake	Reptiles	THR	THR	
Eastern Meadowlark	Birds	THR		Migratory bird that receives federal SARA protection
Eastern Mole	Mammals	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Eastern Musk Turtle	Reptiles	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Eastern <i>persius</i> Duskywing	Insects	EXP	EXP	
Eastern Pondmussel	Molluscs	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Eastern Prairie Fringed- orchid	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Eastern Prickly-pear Cactus	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Eastern Red Bat	Mammals	END	END	
Eastern Ribbonsnake	Reptiles	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA

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Eastern Sand Darter (Southwestern Ontario population)	Fishes	THR		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection
Eastern Sand Darter (West Lake population)	Fishes	END	END	This population is not SARA listed, but under SARA listing consideration
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Mammals	END	END	
Eastern Tiger Salamander	Amphibians	EXP	EXP	
Eastern Whip-poor-will	Birds	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Eastern Wolf	Mammals	THR	THR	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Birds	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Engelmann's Quillwort	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Eskimo Curlew	Birds	EXP		Migratory bird that receives federal SARA protection
Evening Grosbeak	Birds	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA

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False Hop Sedge	Vascular Plants	END	END	
False-foxglove Sun Moth	Insects	END	END	
Fawnsfoot	Molluscs	END		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection
Fern-leaved Yellow False Foxglove	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	
Few-flowered Club-rush	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Finlayson's Oakworm Moth	Insects		THR	Classified as THR by COSSARO in 2024
Forked Bluecurls	Vascular Plants		END	Classified as END by COSSARO in 2024
Forked Three-awned Grass	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Four-leaved Milkweed	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Fowler's Toad	Amphibians	END	END	
Frosted Elfin	Insects	EXP	EXP	
Gattinger's Agalinis	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Gillman's Goldenrod	Vascular Plants	END	END	

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Golden Eagle	Birds	END	END	
Golden-eye Lichen (Great Lakes population)	Lichens	END	END	
Goldenseal	Vascular Plants	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Golden-winged Warbler	Birds	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Grass Pickerel	Fishes	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Grasshopper Sparrow	Birds	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Gravel Chub	Fishes	EXP		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection
Gray Fox	Mammals	THR	THR	
Gray Ratsnake (Carolinian population)	Reptiles	END	END	
Gray Ratsnake (Frontenac Axis population)	Reptiles	THR	THR	

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Greater Prarie Chicken	Birds	EXP	EXP	
Green Dragon	Vascular Plants	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee	Insects	END	END	
Hairy Valerian	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	
Heart-leaved Plantain	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Henslow's Sparrow	Birds	END		Migratory bird that receives federal SARA protection
Hickorynut	Molluscs	END		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection
Hill's Pondweed	Vascular Plants	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Hill's Thistle	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	
Hine's Emerald	Insects	END	END	
Hoary Bat	Mammals	END	END	
Hoary Mountain-mint	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Hoptree Borer	Insects	END	END	

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Horned Grebe	Birds	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Horsetail Spike-rush	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Houghton's Goldenrod	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	
Hudsonian Godwit	Birds	THR	THR	Migratory bird that does not receive federal SARA protection, but under SARA listing consideration
Hungerford's Crawling Water Beetle	Insects	END	END	
Illinois Tick-trefoil	Vascular Plants	EXP	EXP	
Incurved Grizzled Moss	Mosses	EXP	EXP	
Jefferson Salamander	Amphibians	END	END	
Juniper Sedge	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Karner Blue	Insects	EXP	EXP	
Kentucky Coffee-tree	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	
Kidneyshell	Molluscs	END		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection

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King Rail	Birds	END		Migratory bird that receives federal SARA protection
Kirtland's Warbler	Birds	END		Migratory bird that receives federal SARA protection
Lake Chubsucker	Fishes	END		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection
Lake Erie Watersnake	Reptiles	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Lake Huron Grasshopper	Insects	THR	THR	
Lake Sturgeon (Great Lakes - Upper St. Lawrence River populations)	Fishes	END	END	Aquatic species that does not receive federal SARA protection, but under SARA listing consideration
Lake Sturgeon (Saskatchewan - Nelson River populations)	Fishes	THR	THR	Aquatic species that does not receive federal SARA protection, but under SARA listing consideration
Lake Sturgeon (Southern Hudson Bay - James Bay populations)	Fishes	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Lake Whitefish (Opeongo Lake large-bodied populations)	Fishes	THR	THR	Aquatic species that does not receive federal SARA protection, but under SARA listing consideration

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Lake Whitefish (Opeongo Lake small-bodied populations)	Fishes	THR	THR	Aquatic species that does not receive federal SARA protection, but under SARA listing consideration
Lakeside Daisy	Vascular Plants	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Large Whorled Pogonia	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Laura's Clubtail	Insects	END	END	
Least Bittern	Birds	THR		Migratory bird that receives federal SARA protection, but under SARA downlisting consideration
Lesser Yellowlegs	Birds	THR	THR	Migratory bird that does not receive federal SARA protection, but under SARA listing consideration
Lilliput	Molluscs	THR		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection, but under SARA downlisting consideration
Little Brown Myotis	Mammals	END	END	
Loggerhead Shrike	Birds	END		Migratory bird that receives federal SARA protection
Louisiana Waterthrush	Birds	THR		Migratory bird that receives federal SARA protection
Lowland Toothcup	Vascular Plants	END	END	

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Mapleleaf	Molluscs	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Massasauga (Carolinian population)	Reptiles	END	END	
Massasauga (Great Lakes - St. Lawrence population)	Reptiles	THR	THR	
Monarch	Insects	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Mottled Duskywing	Insects	END	END	
Nine-spotted Lady Beetle	Insects	END	END	
Nodding Pogonia	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Northern Barrens Tiger Beetle	Insects	END	END	
Northern Bobwhite	Birds	END	END	
Northern Brook Lamprey	Fishes	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA

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Northern Dusky Salamander	Amphibians	END	END	
Northern Madtom	Fishes	END		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection
Northern Map Turtle	Reptiles	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Northern Myotis	Mammals	END	END	
Northern Oak Hairstreak	Insects	THR	THR	
Northern Riffleshell	Molluscs	END		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection
Northern Sunfish (Great Lakes - Upper St. Lawrence populations)	Fishes	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Ogden's Pondweed	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Birds	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Paddlefish	Fishes	EXP		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection
Pale Showy Goldenrod	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	

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Pale-bellied Frost Lichen	Lichens	END	END	
Peregrine Falcon	Birds	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Pink Milkwort	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Piping Plover	Birds	END		Migratory bird that receives federal SARA protection
Pitcher's Thistle	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	
Polar Bear	Mammals	THR	THR	
Prothonotary Warbler	Birds	END		Migratory bird that receives federal SARA protection
Proud Globelet	Molluscs	END	END	
Pugnose Minnow	Fishes	THR		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection
Pugnose Shiner	Fishes	THR		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection
Pumpkin Ash	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Purple Twayblade	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	
Purple Wartyback	Molluscs	THR	THR	

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Pygmy Snaketail	Insects	END	END	
Queensnake	Reptiles	END	END	
Rainbow	Molluscs	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Rapids Clubtail	Insects	THR	THR	
Rayed Bean	Molluscs	END		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection
Red Knot <i>rufa</i> subspecies (Northeastern South America wintering population)	Birds	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Red Knot <i>rufa</i> subspecies (Southeastern USA / Gulf of Mexico / Caribbean wintering population)	Birds	END	END	This population is not SARA listed, but under SARA listing consideration
Red Knot <i>rufa</i> subspecies (Tierra del Fuego / Patagonia wintering population)	Birds	END		Migratory bird that receives federal SARA protection
Red Mulberry	Vascular Plants	END	END	

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Red-headed Woodpecker	Birds	END		Migratory bird that receives federal SARA protection
Red-necked Phalarope	Birds	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Redside Dace	Fishes	END		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection
Red-tailed Leafhopper	Insects	sc		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Reversed Haploa Moth	Insects	THR	THR	
Riddell's Goldenrod	Vascular Plants	sc		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
River Darter (Great Lakes - Upper St. Lawrence population)	Fishes	END	END	Aquatic species that does not receive federal SARA protection, but under SARA listing consideration
River Redhorse	Fishes	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Riverine Clubtail	Insects	END	THR	Re-classified as THR by COSSARO in 2024
Round Hickorynut	Molluscs	END		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection
Round Pigtoe	Molluscs	END		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection

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Round-leaved Greenbrier	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	
Rusty Blackbird	Birds	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Rusty-patched Bumble Bee	Insects	END	END	
Salamander Mussel	Molluscs	END		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection
Scarlet Ammannia	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Shagreen	Molluscs	END	END	
Short-eared owl	Birds	THR	THR	
Shortjaw Cisco	Fishes	THR	THR	
Shortnose Cisco	Fishes	END		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection
Shumard Oak	Vascular Plants	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Silver Chub	Fishes	THR		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection
Silver Lamprey (Great Lakes – Upper St. Lawrence River population)	Fishes	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA

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Silver Shiner	Fishes	THR		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection
Silver-haired Bat	Mammals	END	END	
Skillet Clubtail	Insects	THR	THR	
Skinner's Agalinis	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Slender Bush-clover	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Small White Lady's-slipper	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Small Whorled Pogonia	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Small-flowered Lipocarpha	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	
Small-mouthed Salamander	Amphibians	END	END	
Smooth Yellow False Foxglove	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	
Snapping Turtle	Reptiles	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Snuffbox	Molluscs	END		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection

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Spiny Softshell	Reptiles	END	END	
Spoon-leaved Moss	Mosses	THR	THR	
Spotted Gar	Fishes	END		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection
Spotted Sucker	Fishes	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Spotted Turtle	Reptiles	END	END	
Spotted Wintergreen	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	
Spring Blue-eyed Mary	Vascular Plants	EXP	EXP	
Stiff-leaved Showy Goldenrod	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Striped Whitelip	Molluscs	END	END	
Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee	Insects	END	END	
Swamp Rose-mallow	Vascular Plants	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Threehorn Wartyback	Molluscs	THR		Aquatic species that receives federal SARA protection

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Timber Rattlesnake	Reptiles	EXP	EXP	
Toothed Globe	Molluscs	END	END	
Transverse Lady Beetle	Insects	END	END	
Tri-colored Bat	Mammals	END	END	
Tuberous Indian-plantain	Vascular Plants	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Unisexual Ambystoma (Jefferson Salamander dependent population)	Amphibians	END	END	
Unisexual Ambystoma (Small-mouthed Salamander dependent population)	Amphibians	END	END	
Upper Great Lakes Kiyi	Fishes	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Virginia Goat's-rue	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Virginia Mallow	Vascular Plants	END	END	

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Warmouth	Fishes	END	END	Aquatic species that does not receive federal SARA protection, but under SARA uplisting consideration
Wavy-rayed Lampmussel	Molluscs	THR	THR	
West Virginia White	Insects	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Western Silvery Aster	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	
White Prairie Gentian	Vascular Plants	END	END	
White Wood Aster	Vascular Plants	THR		Re-classified as SC by COSSARO in 2024, SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
White-rimmed Shingle Lichen	Lichens	END	END	
Wild Hyacinth	Vascular Plants	THR	THR	
Willowleaf Aster	Vascular Plants	THR		Re-classified as SC by COSSARO in 2024, SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Wolverine	Mammals	THR	THR	
Wood Thrush	Birds	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA

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Wood Turtle	Reptiles	END	END	
Woodland Vole	Mammals	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Wood-poppy	Vascular Plants	END	END	
Yellow Rail	Birds	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Yellow-banded Bumble Bee	Insects	SC		SC species do not receive protection under the ESA or SCA
Yellow-breasted Chat virens subsp.	Birds	END		Migratory bird that receives federal SARA protection