

WYOMING'S STATE WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN

A state-driven plan to conserve Species of Greatest Conservation Need

Wyoming's culture, economy, and way of life depend on our wildlife. The State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) provides a roadmap for conserving species that warrant additional conservation attention, or Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN). The SWAP provides a roadmap for the entire state, including voluntary and collaborative actions to conserve these species.

What is in the SWAP?

Wyoming's SWAP identifies the 308 amphibians, birds, crustaceans, mammals, mollusks, plants, and reptiles that are SGCN. These are the species that warrant additional conservation attention to make sure they remain common or remain off the federal list of endangered or threatened species. The SWAP also details the habitats these species rely on.

Each species and habitat is accompanied by a list of the primary conservation challenges and the voluntary, priority actions that Wyoming can take to support their conservation. This revision also includes a look back at the work that has been accomplished since the 2017 version, as well as a summary of the public engagement efforts undertaken during this revision.

Your feedback can inform the revision!

Wyoming's SWAP is ready for public review, and we welcome your feedback! We are particularly interested in identifying missing actions and opportunities to improve readability of the document. Please visit wgfd.info/SWAP to access the draft plan and resources to support your feedback, as well as to provide your feedback via the online form. Public comment begins May 26, 2026, and ends July 27, 2026.

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The SWAP also unlocks federal funds from the State Wildlife Grants program. Wyoming receives around \$500,000 annually from the federal government to support proactive, cost-effective, and strategic conservation of Species of Greatest Conservation Need. These federal funds are matched with contributions by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and partnering agencies and organizations.

Keeping Wyoming's SWAP current through a revision

Over time, we gain more information about species and the habitats they rely on. Wyoming is in the process of revising our third-generation SWAP to incorporate the most up-to-date information available. This revision prioritized state-wide collaboration, and more than 100 experts from over 20 organizations contributed. This revision has also focused on making the plan useful and user-friendly; this revision is considerably shorter than previous versions and includes features that help readers navigate the document.

