

Species Status in Canada

The terms rare, threatened, extirpated and endangered are terms commonly used to describe the status of species of concern. COSEWIC (Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada) dedicate their efforts to investigate the population status of Canadian eukaryotes. COSEWIC are a body made up of government and non- government advisors, which includes first nation advisors. With experts and scientific data available, COSEWIC classifies species as at risk not at risk of data deficient. The "at risk" category comprises of those species which are extinct, extirpated, endangered, threatened and special concern. This list is updated approximately once a year by COSEWIC. The following data was retrieved from the COSEWIC November 2004 status report.

Extinct Species of New Brunswick (as of November 2005)

Note: of the 12 extinct species that have been recorded 4 species had lived in New Brunswick.

- Sea Mink (1894)
- Great Auk (1844)
- Labrador Duck (1875)
- Passenger Pigeon (1914)

Extirpated Species of New Brunswick (as of November 2005)

Note: of 22 species 3 were both found in the Atlantic ocean of the coast of New Brunswick.

- Atlantic Walrus
- Grey Whale
- Dwarf Wedgemussel

Endangered Species of New Brunswick (as of November 2005)

Note: of the 172 species classified by COSEWIC as endangered, 15 different specie populations, from New Brunswick are listed.

- Beluga whale
- Blue Whale
- North Atlantic Right Whale
- Northern Bottlenose Whale
- Eskimo Curlew
- Piping Plover (melodus)
- Roseate Tern
- Leatherback Sea-turtle
- Atlantic Cod
- Atlantic Salmon
- Porbeagle Shark
- Maritime Ringlet
- Butternut Tree
- Furbish Lousewort

- Boreal Felt Lichen

Threatened Species of New Brunswick. (As of November 2005)

Note: of the 120 species listed 9 are from New Brunswick.

- Least Bittern
- Peregrine Falcon
- Striped Bass
- Atlantic Cod
- Cusk
- Northern Wolffish
- Spotted Wolffish
- Anticosti Aster
- Golf of St. Lawrence Aster

Species of Special Concern in New Brunswick. (As of November 2005)

Note: of the 141 species 19 species are from New Brunswick.

- Harbor Porpoise
- Gaspé Shrew
- Beluga whale
- Fin Whale
- Sowerby's Beaked Whale
- Harlequin Duck
- Barrow's Goldeneye
- Red shouldered Hawk
- Short-eared Owl
- Yellow Rail
- Bicknell's Thrush
- Wood Turtle
- Atlantic Cod
- Shortnose Sturgeon
- Redbreast Sunfish
- Atlantic Wolffish
- Monarch Butterfly
- Yellow Lampmussel
- Bathurst Aster