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Species at risk (SAR) are plants and animals that are in danger of disappearing from the wild. The federal government has a public registry of species, Schedule 1 is the official federal list of wildlife species at risk.

What is the Species at Risk Act (SARA)?

SARA was passed in 2002 to prevent wildlife species from becoming extinct and to implement the measures needed for their recovery. SARA gives legal protection to SAR on federal lands and migratory birds, this protection can also be applied elsewhere.

Special Concern species:

Species which may become threatened or endangered because of a combination of biological characteristics and identified threats.

Threatened species:

Species which are likely to become endangered if nothing is done to reverse the factors leading to their extirpation or extinction.

Endangered species:

Species facing imminent extirpation or extinction.

Extirpated species:

Species which no longer exist in the wild in Canada, but exist elsewhere in the world.



How do we recover SAR in Canada?

Recovery strategies for threatened, endangered or extirpated species are prepared and implemented under the supervision of a team of specialists. The efforts of everyone who wants to help—governments, wildlife management councils, Indigenous peoples, non-governmental organizations, businesses, and individuals—are thus effectively coordinated. Funding for species monitoring and recovery is provided by provincial and federal governments.

