

# New Jersey's Endangered and Threatened Creatures and Plants

If you see one report it at: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/ensp/rprtform.htm>



I am endangered.

Help me live by planting native milkweed

Many **Monarch Butterflies** are dying as "milkweed", the food they eat, is being replaced by other plants. Butterflies and other pollinators make sure that the crops grow that you eat. Please help caterpillars and butterflies live by planting native milkweed.

## Why are some called "endangered" or "threatened"?

Living creatures or plants, whose chances of living are in immediate danger, are called, "**ENDANGERED**", because their homes are destroyed, their food is gone, they are hunted, or they are becoming sick.

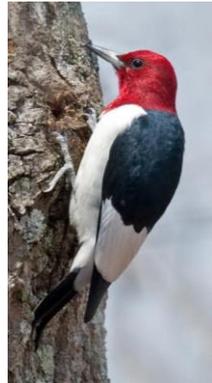
A "**THREATENED**" creature or plant may become endangered because only a few are living, or they eat special food or live in a home that was destroyed.

My wetland forests are being cut down in NJ. Please help me.

## Red Shoulder Hawk



## Red Headed Woodpecker



**Red Headed Woodpeckers** are **endangered** as they are hit by cars, they are hungry as the trees where they live and their food supplies are removed, and the birds are hurt as their feathers are collected by people.

## Peregrine Falcon



I live near you, but am endangered.

The **American Bobcat** is **endangered** because forests where they live are being cut down, food is disappearing, and cars hit them on the road.



Please avoid me when you drive.

**Eastern Red Bud Trees** are pollinated by **bees**. Trees that are sprayed with pesticides may hurt the bees. Plant flowering native trees and plants, which usually do not need fertilizers or pesticides to live.



I am endangered due to pesticide use

## Protect the special place where wildlife lives.

Wildlife need safe places (called habitats) to find food, make a home, and raise their young. Wildlife are hurt when we litter, cut down healthy trees, or remove the native plants that the creatures eat.



"Hoo-ah!"



Please save our forests.

**Barred Owls** live in areas that have large **forests** with tall trees and are endangered. Owls build a nest in the trees and then fly and hunt below trees away from people. Because forests are being cut down to build roads or houses, Barred Owls are dying because they do not have a safe place to live. **Please help to save our forests.**

Keep my ponds free of plastic bags and trash so I may live.



**Wood frogs** are "amphibians", and some are **endangered**. Amphibians are **born in water and then move onto land under trees**. Many wood and tree frogs are having their habitats ruined when plastic bags, litter, or too much algae harm the water quality in the ponds.

## How Can You Help to Protect These Endangered Creatures and Plants?

- Please do not litter.
- Plant a variety of native plants and trees



## Native plants provide food and homes for native wildlife.

### Native plants

- Are planted by nature and adapt to the climate
- Improve water quality by filtering out dangerous poison and preventing flooding
- Grow well with less need for watering, trimming, fertilizing, or special care
- Attract pollinators that keep our food supply chain growing
- Feed and shelter our wildlife
- Are beautiful to see



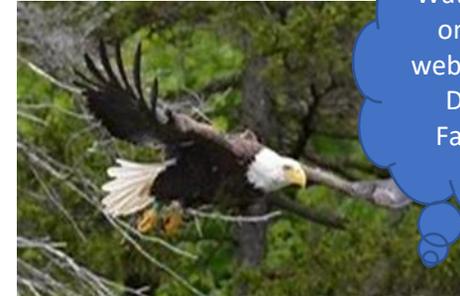
I look pretty to you and to bees.



I am native. I was planted by nature.

**Big bluestem native grass** helps keep soil in place (prevents erosion) and improves the quality of nearby water. Animals eat this grass, birds build nests in the grass, and both hide in it to escape the hot sun in summer.

### Bald eagle Link



Watch me on the webcam at Duke Farms!

Link to the webcam:  
<https://youtu.be/3rMFY1CfE8>

## Other ideas to make your yard and towns friendly for wildlife.

<http://www.conservewildlifenj.org/species/fieldguide/view/Pandion%20haliaeetus/>  
<https://www.jerseyyards.org/create-a-jersey-friendly-yard/pollinators/>  
[https://warrennj.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/09-11-15\\_20150817-ERI-Warren-Township-Environmental-Resource-Final-.pdf](https://warrennj.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/09-11-15_20150817-ERI-Warren-Township-Environmental-Resource-Final-.pdf)  
<https://njaes.rutgers.edu/fs1140/>  
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