

## COSEWIC...

**C**ommittee

On the

Status of

**E**ndangered

Wildlife

In

Canada

### Species of Risk Levels...

There are seven different designations that COSEWIC uses to determine the level of risk for a species. Under the SARA, COSEWIC uses seven categories to indicate the level of danger an at-risk species currently faces:

Extinct - a species that no longer exists anywhere on Earth.

**Extirpated** - a species that no longer exists in the wild in Canada, but is still living in other areas of the world.

**NOTE: SARA** 

'Species at Risk Act'

Endangered - a species that is facing imminent extirpation or extinction.

**Threatened** - a species that is likely to become endangered if nothing is done to reverse the factors leading to its extirpation or extinction.

**Special Concern** - a species that may become threatened or endangered because of a combination of biological characteristics and identified threats.

**Data Deficient** - a category that applies when there is not enough available information to determine if the species is at risk or not.

Not at Risk - a species that is not at risk of extinction.

#### Species at Risk in Canada

- . Since the arrival of the first European settlers, more than 30 wildlife species have become extinct in Canada.
- At present, over 500 plant and animal species are considered at risk in Canada.
- . Everywhere in Canada, people are engaged in recovery activities that benefit more than 200 species.
- All Canadians can take simple actions every day to help species at risk.





April 23, 2014 Untitled.notebook

#### THE NUMBERS This chart indicates the number of species in each of the



















|                 | Mammals | Birds | Reptiles | Amphibians | Fishes | Arthropods | Molluscs | Vascular plants | Mosses | Lichens |  |
|-----------------|---------|-------|----------|------------|--------|------------|----------|-----------------|--------|---------|--|
| SPECIAL CONCERN | 17      | 19    | 9        | 7          | 25     | 5          | 4        | 26              | 4      | 3       |  |
| THREATENED      | 13      | 20    | 13       | 6          | 12     | 6          | 1        | 51              | 3      | 2       |  |
| ENDANGERED      | 18      | 27    | 14       | 7          | 26     | 18         | 13       | 91              | 7      | 2       |  |
| EXTIRPATED      | 4       | 2     | 4        | 1          | 3      | 3          | 2        | 3               | 1      | 0       |  |

COSEVVIC assessments results with range of occurrence (by province, territory, or ocean), invovember 2013."

| Common name (population)                  | Taxon   | Status          | YT | NT | NU | ВС | AB | SK | MB | ON | QC | NB | NS | PE | NL | Arctic<br>Ocean | Pacific<br>Ocean | Atlantic<br>Ocean |
|---|---------|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Little Brown Myotis                       | Mammals | Endangered      | х  | х  |    | х  | х  | х  | х  | Х  | Х  | х  | х  | х  | х  |                 |                  |                   |
| North Atlantic Right Whale                | Mammals | Endangered      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                 |                  | Х                 |
| Northern Myotis                           | Mammals | Endangered      | X  | Х  |    | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | Х  |                 |                  |                   |
| Tri-colored Bat                           | Mammals | Endangered      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | X  | X  | X  | X  |    |    |                 |                  |                   |
| Plains Bison                              | Mammals | Threatened      |    |    |    | X  | X  | X  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                 |                  |                   |
| Steller Sea Lion                          | Mammals | Special Concern |    |    |    | X  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                 | X                |                   |
| Wood Bison                                | Mammals | Special Concern | X  | X  |    | X  | X  |    | X  |    |    |    |    |    |    |                 |                  |                   |
| Piping Plover circumcinctus subspecies    | Birds   | Endangered      |    |    |    |    | x  | x  | х  | X  |    |    |    |    |    |                 |                  |                   |
| Piping Plover melodus subspecies          | Birds   | Endangered      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | X  | x  | x  | x  | x  |                 |                  |                   |
| Short-tailed Albatross                    | Birds   | Threatened      |    |    |    | X  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                 | X                |                   |
| Grasshopper Sparrow, pratensis subspecies | Birds   | Special Concern |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | X  | X  |    |    |    |    |                 |                  |                   |
| Harlequin Duck (Eastern population)       | Birds   | Special Concern |    |    | x  |    |    |    |    |    | x  | x  | x  |    | x  |                 |                  |                   |

# The 10 most recent animal extinctions in Canada

These creatures have either died out entirely or are extirpated from Canada  $\qquad \qquad \text{by Blog of Lists}$ 



## Ready for the test???

Review - Unit 2.pdf

TEST will be on Monday!!!

Review - Unit 2.pdf