



CATEGORIES OF SPECIES AT RISK

Species at risk are assessed and listed in one of five status categories:

- **Extinct:** a species that no longer exists anywhere in the world.
- **Extirpated:** a species that no longer exists in the wild in a particular region (Canada or the NWT) but exists elsewhere.
- **Endangered:** a species that is facing imminent extirpation or extinction.
- **Threatened:** a species likely to become an endangered species 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.

Other terms used in the status table:

- **Not applicable:** Species at Risk (NWT) Act does not apply to this species.
- **Not assessed:** species has not yet been assessed.
- **No status:** species has not been listed.
- **Under consideration:** species is being considered for listing.
- **Not at Risk:** species was assessed and found to be not at risk of extinction given the current circumstances.

For precise legal definitions of status categories, refer to the [Species at Risk \(NWT\) Act](#) or the federal [Species at Risk Act](#).