

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND PARKS**  
**Petition for Species Review (submission deadline: October 5, 2023)**  
**Endangered/Threatened/Species-in-Need-of-Conservation Status**

Kansas recognizes rare or declining species by state listing to categories of Endangered\*, Threatened\*\*, or Species-in-Need-of-Conservation (SINC)\*\*\* (K.A.R. 115-15-1 and 2). Every 5 years these lists are reviewed as required by statute (K.S.A. 32-960). A Threatened and Endangered Species Task Committee oversees the process and makes listing recommendations to the Secretary of Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) based on best available science. Any changes to these lists must be approved by the KDWP Commission.

A review regarding a listing, delisting, uplisting or downlisting of Kansas wildlife regarding the above categories is initiated via a petitioning process. To submit a petition for review, please fully complete the requested information attached below. Petitioners are strongly encouraged to provide all substantive biological information with cited references to aid in the review. A completed petition is no guarantee that the listing request will occur. The scientific information in the petition determines whether or not the requested listing change will merit a full review.

At the request of the KDWP Secretary, the Threatened and Endangered Species Task Committee will evaluate all completed petitions and determine if there is sufficient information to justify a full review of the petitioned status change. If the species is accepted for further review, there will be public information meetings conducted in regard to the proposed listing change.

All petitioning documents pertaining to the species under full review will be made available to the public at the KDWP website (<https://ksoutdoors.com/Services/Threatened-and-Endangered-Wildlife/2023-Five-Year-Review>). If a listing change is recommended, a notice of the proposed action will be sent to federal and state agencies and local and tribal governments that may be affected by the petitioned species, and to all individuals and organizations that have requested notification. KDWP will issue news releases concerning the proposed species listing change. In addition, individual petitions and substantiating data will be distributed to and evaluated by: 1) academia, 2) wildlife agency personnel, 3) other professionals, 4) other resource agencies (state and federal) and 5) nonprofessionals who have known expertise/experience with the petitioned species. This entire process, from petition to final vote by the commission, has taken as long as 18 months.

Questions concerning the petitioning and review process should be directed to Jordan Hofmeier, Assistant Director of Ecological Services, KDWP, 512 SE 25<sup>th</sup> Ave, Pratt, KS 67124 ([Jordan.Hofmeier@ks.gov](mailto:Jordan.Hofmeier@ks.gov)).

**Completed “Petition for Species Review” pdf forms should be sent to [kdwpt.ess@ks.gov](mailto:kdwpt.ess@ks.gov) or paper copies to KDWP, Attn: Ecological Services, 512 SE 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., Pratt, KS 67124-8174.**

\* Endangered Species: any species of wildlife whose continued existence as a viable component of the state’s wild fauna is determined to be in jeopardy (KSA 32-958c).

\*\*Threatened Species: any species of wildlife which appears likely, within the foreseeable future, to become an endangered species (KSA 32-958f).

\*\*\*Species-in-Need-of-Conservation: (SINC) any species which are highly specialized, whose habitat is very limited in Kansas, or shows a population decline that warrants data collection concerning its status in Kansas. Conservation efforts focused on this species can prevent future listing as threatened or endangered. This listing is not defined in the Kansas Statutes.

Species Common Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Species Scientific Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Currently listed as:

Endangered  Threatened  Species-In-Need-of-Conservation (SINC)  not listed

Petitioned to:

Endangered  Threatened  SINC  not listed

Note to petitioner: Feel free to expand the blanks below to add sufficient information. When completed, please convert Word document to a pdf prior to submitting.

1) List the survey/research information that has occurred since the last 5-year review (2018) that has prompted your petition to change the listing category of this species.

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2) a. Provide a map of the species' current distribution in Kansas and range wide.

b. Is the Kansas population considered connected with the population in an adjoining state?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

c. If no, what is the distance to the nearest out-of-state population? \_\_\_\_\_

d. Is the Kansas population genetically distinct from the core population in other states?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

Cite references: \_\_\_\_\_

3) How and to what magnitude has the species' distribution changed within Kansas during the past 35 years?

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\_\_\_\_\_

Globally? \_\_\_\_\_

Cite references: \_\_\_\_\_

4) Describe the species' population (not distribution) trend within Kansas during the past 35 years.

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\_\_\_\_\_

Globally? \_\_\_\_\_

Cite references: \_\_\_\_\_

- 5) a. What is the Global Rank of this species from NatureServe? (<http://natureserve.org/>)  
b. What is species status and trend on IUCN Red List? (<http://www.iucnredlist.org/>)  
c. What proportion of the species' global population is currently found within Kansas?
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6) What is the species' current residency status within Kansas (vagrant, migrant, wintering, or year-round)?

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7) Describe the species' current breeding status within Kansas.

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Cite references: \_\_\_\_\_

8) Describe the species' habitat requirements:

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Cite references: \_\_\_\_\_

9) Discuss the species' degree of specialization with regard to habitat, food, or other life history factors.

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Cite references: \_\_\_\_\_

10) Discuss the species' sensitivity to environmental contaminants and disease, if any, including known potential problems:

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Cite references: \_\_\_\_\_

11) To what degree is this species currently vulnerable to consumptive and/or commercial use in Kansas, and what relationship does that use have on its total population?

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Cite references: \_\_\_\_\_

12) What are the current and imminent threats to the species in Kansas? Please list in priority order with the highest-ranked threat first.

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Cite references: \_\_\_\_\_

13) a. What is the recovery potential of this species?

Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Poor \_\_\_\_\_ Unlikely \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

b. List any conservation actions that are currently addressing the needs of this species.

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c. List any pending conservation actions that might improve the status of this species.

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14) Summarize your reasons for requesting a review of this species:

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15) Describe your expertise/experience with the species you are petitioning.

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Note on citations: It is not necessary to provide extensive literature citations, however, any pertinent data is helpful in determining species status. Feel free to attach any information you may have pertaining to the status or biology of this species that will help in its review.

If there is insufficient space for your reply to any of the informational requests, attach extra sheets. Be sure to reference your attached material to the appropriate numbered questions.

The currently-listed Kansas species can be found at:

<http://ksoutdoors.com/Services/Threatened-and-Endangered-Wildlife/Kansas-Threatened-and-Endangered-Species-Statewide> (Threatened and Endangered list)

<http://ksoutdoors.com/Services/Threatened-and-Endangered-Wildlife> (SINC list)

Petitioner(s):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Send fully completed petition to (deadline is **October 5, 2023**): [kdwpt.ess@ks.gov](mailto:kdwpt.ess@ks.gov) or

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