

Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario (COSSARO)

Priority List for January 2026 Species Assessments

Taxonomic Group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Current Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) List Status
Arthropods	Macropis Cuckoo Bee	<i>Epeoloides pilosula</i>	N/A
Birds	Least Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	Threatened
Birds	Short-billed Dowitcher hendersoni/griseus	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>	N/A
Birds	Snowy Owl	<i>Bubo scandiacus</i>	N/A
Fishes	Pugnose Minnow	<i>Opsopoedus emiliae</i>	Threatened
Lichens	Cupped Fringe Lichen	<i>Heterodermia hypoleuca</i>	N/A
Molluscs	Big-tooth Whitelip	<i>Neohelix dentifera</i>	N/A
Molluscs	Lilliput	<i>Toxolasma parvum</i>	Threatened
Reptiles	Butler's Gartersnake	<i>Thamnophis butleri</i>	Endangered
Reptiles	Massasauga (Carolinian population)	<i>Sistrurus catenatus</i>	Endangered
Reptiles	Massasauga (Great Lakes/St. Lawrence population)	<i>Sistrurus catenatus</i>	Threatened
Vascular Plants	Short-fruited Rush	<i>Juncus brachycarpus</i>	N/A