

**Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario (COSSARO)
Priority List for Species Assessment (August 2017)***

May 23-26, 2017– 11 species assessed – Windsor, Ontario

Taxonomic Group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Current SARO List Status
Birds	Evening Grosbeak	<i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i>	N/A
Birds	Prothonotary Warbler	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	Endangered
Fishes	Channel Darter (Lake Erie populations)	<i>Percina copelandi</i>	Threatened
Fishes	Channel Darter (Lake Ontario populations)	<i>Percina copelandi</i>	Threatened
Fishes	Channel Darter (St. Lawrence populations)	<i>Percina copelandi</i>	Threatened
Fishes	Pygmy Whitefish (Great Lakes – upper St. Lawrence populations)	<i>Prosopium coulterii</i>	N/A
Fishes	Pygmy Whitefish (Saskatchewan – Nelson River populations)	<i>Prosopium coulterii</i>	N/A
Insects	Monarch ♀	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	Special Concern
Insects	Transverse Lady Beetle	<i>Coccinella transversoguttata richardsoni</i>	N/A
Lichen	Golden-Eye Lichen (Prairie/Boreal population)	<i>Teloschistes chrysophthalmus</i>	N/A
Lichen	Golden-Eye Lichen (Great Lakes population)	<i>Teloschistes chrysophthalmus</i>	N/A
Molluscs	Mapleleaf Mussel (Great Lakes-Upper St. Lawrence populations)	<i>Quadrula quadrula</i>	Threatened
Reptiles	Blanding's Turtle (Great Lakes/St. Lawrence population)	<i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>	Threatened

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Reptiles	Western Painted Turtle (Prairie/Western Boreal – Canadian Shield population)	<i>Chrysemys picta bellii</i>	N/A [◇]
Vascular Plants	American Hart's-tongue Fern	<i>Asplenium scolopendrium</i>	Special Concern

November 22-24, 2017 – 10 species – Toronto, Ontario

Taxonomic Group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Current SARO List Status
Birds	Harris's Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia querula</i>	N/A
Birds	Rusty Blackbird	<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	N/A [◇]
Fishes	Deepwater Sculpin (Great Lakes – Upper St. Lawrence populations)	<i>Myoxocephalus thompsonii</i>	N/A [◇]
Fishes	Deepwater Sculpin (Saskatchewan-Nelson River populations)	<i>Myoxocephalus thompsonii</i>	N/A [◇]
Fishes	Deepwater Sculpin (Southern Hudson Bay – James Bay populations)	<i>Myoxocephalus thompsonii</i>	N/A [◇]
Fishes	Lake Sturgeon (Great Lakes – Upper St. Lawrence River population)	<i>Acipenser fulvescens</i>	Threatened
Fishes	Lake Sturgeon (Northwestern Ontario population)	<i>Acipenser fulvescens</i>	Threatened
Fishes	Lake Sturgeon (Southern Hudson Bay – James Bay populations)	<i>Acipenser fulvescens</i>	Special Concern
Fishes	Shortnose Cisco	<i>Coregonus reighardi</i>	Endangered
Mammals	Caribou (Eastern Migratory population)	<i>Rangifer tarandus</i>	N/A [◇]
Molluscs	Eastern Banded Tigersnail	<i>Anguispira kochi</i>	N/A
Molluscs	Eastern Pondmussel	<i>Ligumia nasuta</i>	Endangered
Vascular Plants	Butternut	<i>Juglans cinerea</i>	Endangered

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Vascular Plants	Spotted Wintergreen	<i>Chimaphila maculata</i>	Endangered

Spring 2018 – 9 species – Huntsville area – exact location and dates to be determined

Taxonomic Group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Current SARO List Status
Birds	Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	Special Concern
Birds	Peregrine Falcon <i>anatum</i> subspecies	<i>Falco peregrinus anatum</i>	Special Concern
Birds	Peregrine Falcon <i>anatum/tundrius</i>	<i>Falco peregrinus anatum/tundrius</i>	Special Concern
Fishes	Redside Dace	<i>Clinostomus elongatus</i>	Endangered
Insects	American Bumble Bee	<i>Bombus pensylvanicus</i>	N/A
Insects	Red-tailed Leafhopper	<i>Aflexia rubranura</i>	N/A
Lichens	Pale-bellied Frost Lichen	<i>Physconia subpallida</i>	Endangered
Mosses	Spoon-leaved Moss	<i>Bryoandersonia illecebra</i>	Endangered
Reptiles	Gray Ratsnake (Carolinian population)	<i>Pantherophis spiloides</i>	Endangered
Reptiles	Gray Ratsnake (Great Lakes/St. Lawrence population) †	<i>Pantherophis spiloides</i>	Threatened

Fall 2018 – 16 species – location and date to be determined

Taxonomic Group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Current SARO List Status
Amphibians	Allegheny Mountain Dusky Salamander (Carolinian population)	<i>Desmognathus ochrophaeus</i>	Endangered
Birds	Chimney Swift	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	
Birds	Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>	Special Concern
Birds	Red-headed Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	Special Concern
Fishes	Cisco complexes	<i>Coregonus spp.</i>	N/A
Fishes	Lake Whitefish (Como Lake)	<i>Coregonus clupeaformis</i>	N/A

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	Benthic populations)		
Fishes	Lake Whitefish (Como Lake Limnetic populations)	<i>Coregonus clupeaformis</i>	N/A
Fishes	Lake Whitefish (Opeongo Lake Benthic populations)	<i>Coregonus clupeaformis</i>	N/A
Fishes	Lake Whitefish (Opeongo Lake Limnetic populations)	<i>Coregonus clupeaformis</i>	N/A
Insects	False-Foxglove Sun Moth	<i>Pyrrhia aurantiago</i>	N/A
Mammals	Polar Bear	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>	Threatened
Molluscs	Fawnsfoot	<i>Truncilla donaciformis</i>	Endangered
Molluscs	Striped Whitelip	<i>Webbhelix multilineata</i>	N/A
Reptiles	Midland Painted Turtle	<i>Chrysemis picta marginata</i>	N/A
Vascular Plants	Black Ash	<i>Fraxinus nigra</i>	N/A
Vascular Plants	Goldenseal	<i>Hydrastis canadensis</i>	Threatened
Vascular Plants	Downy Yellow False Foxglove	<i>Aureolaria virginica</i>	N/A
Vascular Plants	Fern-leaved Yellow False Foxglove	<i>Aureolaria pedicularia</i>	N/A
Vascular Plants	Smooth Yellow False Foxglove	<i>Aureolaria flava</i>	N/A

Spring 2019 – 5 species – location and date to be determined

Taxonomic Group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Current SARO List Status
Amphibians	Mudpuppy	<i>Necturus maculosus</i>	N/A
Insects	Pygmy Snaketail	<i>Ophiogomphus howei</i>	Endangered
Insects	Rapids Clubtail	<i>Gomphus quadricolor</i>	Endangered
Lichens	White-rimmed Shingle Lichen	<i>Fuscopannaria leucosticta</i>	N/A

Taxonomic Group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Current SARO List Status
Reptiles	Wood Turtle	<i>Glyptemys insculpta</i>	Endangered

Fall 2019 – 3 species – location and date to be determined

Taxonomic Group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Current SARO List Status
Birds	Hudsonian Godwit	<i>Limosa haemastica</i>	N/A
Birds	Red Knot rufa subspecies	<i>Calidris canutus rufa</i>	Endangered
Vascular Plants	Hairy Valerian	<i>Valeriana edulis ciliata</i>	N/A

* List may change based on availability of reports from the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC).

◇ Previously assessed as Not at Risk by COSSARO

▽ Species assessment deferred by COSSARO

¥ Currently listed as Gray Ratsnake (Frontenac Axis population)