

Endangered Species Act in Utah

What is the Endangered Species Act (ESA)?

Implemented in 1973, the National ESA aims to protect and conserve endangered and threatened species and their habitats.

Utah has 42 known endangered species

- 18 are animal species
- 24 are plant species

The State of Utah has one of the largest regions of public land in the nation. Hundreds of species rely on this land to survive. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management in Utah in cooperation with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources work to protect these species and their habitats, as well as at-risk species to prevent them from becoming endangered. However, these species often appear on private land as well. Are you aware of any endangered species on your property?

How do I find out which species in Utah are endangered?

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has a complete list of endangered species for every state. By selecting 'Utah', a complete list of species with additional information regarding location and status for each species will be displayed. It is also possible to search by a specific species. Begin your search here:

<https://www.fws.gov/endangered/>.

What should I do if I encounter an endangered species on my property?

Contact your local sensitive species biologist. The State of Utah is split up into five regions and each region has a sensitive species biologist. Visit <https://wildlife.utah.gov/about-us/contact-dwr.html> to find the contact information for your region's office and location.