



Illinois

# ENDANGERED & THREATENED SPECIES

## Conservation Effort Highlights on the Federal Level

- 1849** - The Department of the Interior was established
- 1900** - Lacey Act (Lacey Game and Wild Bird Preservation and Disposition Act) of 1900 passes to protect resident species by making it unlawful to transport illegally taken wildlife across state lines
- 1907** - The term "conservation," meaning "prudent use," is coined by Overton Price ad Gifford Pinchot
- 1909** - On a single day, President Theodore Roosevelt sets aside 17 wildlife reservations
- 1913** - Congress passes Migratory Bird Act of 1913
- 1916** - The National Park Service is established
- 1929** - The National Wildlife Refuge system is created to provide protection for wildlife habitat, especially waterfowl habitat
- 1930** - Civilian Conservation Corps established
- 1934** - Congress passes the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act and Fish and Wildlife Coordination
- 1937** - Congress passes the Pittman-Robertson Act (Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act), to provide a funding mechanism for states to acquire wildlife habitat through a federal tax on hunting equipment
- 1940** - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is formed and given the role of managing the National Wildlife Refuge system and protecting wild species in danger of extinction
- 1950** - The Dingell-Johnson Act (Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act) is passed. It levies a 10 percent federal tax on fishing equipment
- 1970** - Congress establishes much of the basic structure of the Clean Air Act
- 1972** - The Clean Water Act is enacted to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the nation's waters
- 1973** - The Endangered Species Act is administered by the Office of Endangered Species within the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- 1977** - The Federal Water Pollution Control Act passes
- 1986** - The Emergency Wetlands Resources Act is enacted
- 1990** - The Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act is designed to protect against aquatic exotic invasive species
- 2007** - The bald eagle is removed from the endangered species list

*Conservation History - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*