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Massachusetts List of Endangered, Threatened and Special Concern Species

This is the official list of Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern species as defined in Section 10.60 of Chapter 321 of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations. The MESA List is prepared under the authority of the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA). Under this act (MGL c. 131A and its implementing regulations (321 CMR 10.00)), MESA-listed species are protected from "take". Please see the Regulatory Review pages for additional information on MESA.

To access a species fact sheet click on the "Common Name". Please note that some species do not have a fact sheet available at this time. For the most up to date distribution maps please use the Species Viewer and sort by the species common or scientific name.



Vertebrates

Taxonomic Group	Common Name	Scientific Name	MA Status	Fed Status	Notes
Fish	American Brook Lamprey	<i>Lampetra appendix</i>	T		
Fish	Shortnose Sturgeon	<i>Acipenser brevirostrum</i>	E	E	
Fish	Atlantic Sturgeon	<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus</i>	E	T	
Fish	Lake Chub	<i>Couesius plumbeus</i>	E		
Fish	Eastern Silvery Minnow	<i>Hybognathus regius</i>	SC		
Fish	Bridle Shiner	<i>Notropis bifrenatus</i>	SC		
Fish	Northern Redbelly Dace	<i>Phoxinus eos</i>	E		
Fish	Longnose Sucker	<i>Catostomus catostomus</i>	SC		
Fish	Burbot	<i>Lota lota</i>	SC		
Fish	Threespine Stickleback	<i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i>	T		1
Amphibians	Jefferson Salamander	<i>Ambystoma jeffersonianum</i>	SC		2
Amphibians	Blue-spotted Salamander	<i>Ambystoma laterale</i>	SC		2
Amphibians	Marbled Salamander 1MB	<i>Ambystoma opacum</i>	T		
Amphibians	Eastern Spadefoot	<i>Scaphiopus holbrookii</i>	T		
Reptiles	Loggerhead Seaturtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	T	T	
Reptiles	Green Seaturtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	T	T	
Reptiles	Hawksbill Seaturtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	E	E	
Reptiles	Kemp's Ridley Seaturtle	<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	E	E	
Reptiles	Leatherback Seaturtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	E	E	
Reptiles	Wood Turtle	<i>Glyptemys insculpta</i>	SC		
Reptiles	Bog Turtle	<i>Glyptemys muhlenbergii</i>	E	T	
Reptiles	Blanding's Turtle	<i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>	T		
Reptiles	Diamond-backed Terrapin	<i>Malaclemys terrapin</i>	T		
Reptiles	Northern Red-bellied Cooter	<i>Pseudemys rubriventris</i>	E	E	4
Reptiles	Eastern Box Turtle	<i>Terrapene carolina</i>	SC		
Reptiles	Eastern Wormsnake	<i>Carphophis amoenus</i>	T		
Reptiles	Eastern Ratsnake	<i>Pantherophis alleghaniensis</i>	E		
Reptiles	Copperhead	<i>Agkistrodon contortrix</i>	E		
Reptiles	Timber Rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus horridus</i>	E		

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Birds	Common Loon 	<i>Gavia immer</i>	SC		
Birds	Pied-billed Grebe 	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	E		
Birds	Leach's Storm-petrel 	<i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa</i>	E		
Birds	American Bittern 	<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	E		
Birds	Least Bittern 	<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	E		
Birds	Bald Eagle 	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	T		
Birds	Northern Harrier 	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	T		
Birds	Sharp-shinned Hawk 	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	SC		
Birds	Peregrine Falcon 	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	E		
Birds	King Rail 	<i>Rallus elegans</i>	T		
Birds	Common Moorhen 	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	SC		
Birds	Piping Plover 	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	T	T	
Birds	Upland Sandpiper 	<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	E		
Birds	Roseate Tern 	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	E	E	
Birds	Common Tern 	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	SC		
Birds	Arctic Tern 	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	SC		
Birds	Least Tern 	<i>Sterna antillarum</i>	SC		
Birds	Barn Owl 	<i>Tyto alba</i>	SC		
Birds	Long-eared Owl 	<i>Asio otus</i>	SC		
Birds	Short-eared Owl 	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	E		
Birds	Sedge Wren 	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	E		
Birds	Golden-winged Warbler 	<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	E		
Birds	Northern Parula 	<i>Parula americana</i>	T		
Birds	Blackpoll Warbler 	<i>Dendroica striata</i>	SC		
Birds	Mourning Warbler 	<i>Oporornis philadelphia</i>	SC		
Birds	Vesper Sparrow 	<i>Poocetes gramineus</i>	T		
Birds	Grasshopper Sparrow 	<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	T		
Birds	Henslow's Sparrow 	<i>Ammodramus henslowii</i>	E		
Birds	Eastern Whip-poor-will 	<i>Caprimulgus vociferus</i>	SC		
Mammals	Water Shrew 	<i>Sorex palustris</i>	SC		
Mammals	Rock Shrew 	<i>Sorex dispar</i>	SC		
Mammals	Indiana Myotis 	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	E	E	
Mammals	Small-Footed Myotis 	<i>Myotis leibii</i>	E		
Mammals	Little Brown Myotis 	<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	E		
Mammals	Tricolored Bat 	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	E		
Mammals	Northern Long-eared Bat 	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	E	T	
Mammals	Southern Bog Lemming 	<i>Synaptomys cooperi</i>	SC		
Mammals	Sperm Whale 	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	E	E	
Mammals	Fin Whale 	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	E	E	
Mammals	Sei Whale 	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	E	E	
Mammals	Blue Whale 	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	E	E	
Mammals	Humpback Whale 	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	E	E	
Mammals	Northern Right Whale 	<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>	E	E	

Invertebrates

Taxonomic Group	Common Name	Scientific Name	MA Status	Fed Status	Notes
Sponges	Smooth Branched Sponge 	<i>Spongilla aspinosa</i>	SC		

Flatworms	Sunderland Spring Planarian 	<i>Polycelis remota</i>	E		
Segmented Worms	New England Medicinal Leech 	<i>Macrobdella sestertia</i>	SC		
Snails	New England Siltsnail 	<i>Floridobia winkleyi</i>	SC		
Snails	Walker's Limpet 	<i>Ferrissia walkeri</i>	SC		
Snails	Coastal Marsh Snail 	<i>Littoridinops tenuipes</i>	SC		
Snails	Slender Walker 	<i>Pomatiopsis lapidaria</i>	E		
Snails	Boreal Marstonia 	<i>Marstonia lustrica</i>	E		
Snails	Boreal Turret Snail 	<i>Valvata sincera</i>	E		
Mussels	Dwarf Wedgemussel 	<i>Alasmidonta heterodon</i>	E	E	
Mussels	Brook Floater (Swollen Wedgemussel) 	<i>Alasmidonta varicosa</i>	E		
Mussels	Yellow Lampmussel 	<i>Lampsilis cariosa</i>	E		
Mussels	Tidewater Mucket 	<i>Leptodea ochracea</i>	SC		
Mussels	Eastern Pondmussel 	<i>Ligumia nasuta</i>	SC		
Mussels	Creeper 	<i>Strophitus undulatus</i>	SC		
Crustaceans	Intricate Fairy Shrimp 	<i>Eubranchipus intricatus</i>	SC		
Crustaceans	Agassiz's Clam Shrimp 	<i>Eulimnadia agassizii</i>	E		
Crustaceans	Northern Spring Amphipod 	<i>Gammarus pseudolimnaeus</i>	SC		
Crustaceans	American Clam Shrimp 	<i>Limnadia lenticularis</i>	SC		
Crustaceans	Taconic Cave Amphipod 	<i>Stygobromus borealis</i>	E		
Crustaceans	Piedmont Groundwater Amphipod 	<i>Stygobromus tenuis tenuis</i>	SC		
Crustaceans	Coastal Swamp Amphipod 	<i>Synurella chamberlaini</i>	SC		
Dragonflies	Subarctic Darner 	<i>Aeshna subarctica</i>	E		
Dragonflies	Comet Darner 	<i>Anax longipes</i>	SC		
Dragonflies	Ocellated Darner 	<i>Boyeria grafiana</i>	SC		
Dragonflies	Spine-Crowned Clubtail 	<i>Gomphus abbreviatus</i>	SC		
Dragonflies	Harpoon Clubtail 	<i>Gomphus descriptus</i>	E		
Dragonflies	Midland Clubtail 	<i>Gomphus fraternus</i>	E		
Dragonflies	Rapids Clubtail 	<i>Gomphus quadricolor</i>	E		
Dragonflies	Cobra Clubtail 	<i>Gomphus vastus</i>	SC		
Dragonflies	Skillet Clubtail 	<i>Gomphus ventricosus</i>	T		
Dragonflies	Umber Shadowdragon 	<i>Neurocordulia obsoleta</i>	SC		
Dragonflies	Stygian Shadowdragon 	<i>Neurocordulia yamaskanensis</i>	SC		
Dragonflies	Brook Snaketail 	<i>Ophiogomphus aspersus</i>	SC		
Dragonflies	Rifle Snaketail 	<i>Ophiogomphus carolus</i>	T		
Dragonflies	Spatterdock Darner 	<i>Rhionaeschna mutata</i>	SC		
Dragonflies	Ski-tipped Emerald 	<i>Somatochlora elongata</i>	SC		
Dragonflies	Forcipate Emerald 	<i>Somatochlora forcipata</i>	E		
Dragonflies	Coppery Emerald 	<i>Somatochlora georgiana</i>	E		
Dragonflies	Incurvate Emerald 	<i>Somatochlora incurvata</i>	E		
Dragonflies	Kennedy's Emerald 	<i>Somatochlora kennedyi</i>	E		
Dragonflies	Mocha Emerald 	<i>Somatochlora linearis</i>	SC		
Dragonflies	Riverine Clubtail 	<i>Stylurus amnicola</i>	E		
Dragonflies	Ebony Boghaunter 	<i>Williamsonia fletcheri</i>	E		
Dragonflies	Ringed Boghaunter 	<i>Williamsonia lintneri</i>	T		

Damselflies	Tule Bluet 	<i>Enallagma carunculatum</i>	SC		
Damselflies	Attenuated Bluet 	<i>Enallagma daeckii</i>	T		
Damselflies	Scarlet Bluet 	<i>Enallagma pictum</i>	T		
Damselflies	Pine Barrens Bluet 	<i>Enallagma recurvatum</i>	T		
Beetles	Twelve-Spotted Tiger Beetle 	<i>Cicindela duodecimguttata</i>	SC		
Beetles	Hentz's Redbelly Tiger Beetle 	<i>Cicindela rufiventris hentzii</i>	T		
Beetles	Northeastern Beach Tiger Beetle 	<i>Cicindela dorsalis dorsalis</i>	E	T	
Beetles	Bank Tiger Beetle 	<i>Cicindela limbalis</i>	SC		
Beetles	Cobblestone Tiger Beetle 	<i>Cicindela marginipennis</i>	E		
Beetles	Barrens Tiger Beetle 	<i>Cicindela patruela</i>	E		
Beetles	Puritan Tiger Beetle 	<i>Cicindela puritana</i>	E	T	
Beetles	Purple Tiger Beetle 	<i>Cicindela purpurea</i>	SC		
Beetles	American Burying Beetle 	<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>	E	E	
Butterflies and Moths	Coastal Heathland Cutworm 	<i>Abagrotis nefascia</i>	SC		
Butterflies and Moths	Barrens Daggermoth 	<i>Acronicta albarufa</i>	T		
Butterflies and Moths	Drunk Apamea Moth 	<i>Apamea inebriata</i>	SC		
Butterflies and Moths	New Jersey Tea Inchworm 	<i>Apodrepanulatrix liberaria</i>	E		
Butterflies and Moths	Hessel's Hairstreak 	<i>Callophrys hesseli</i>	SC		
Butterflies and Moths	Frosted Elfin 	<i>Callophrys irus</i>	SC		
Butterflies and Moths	Bog Elfin 	<i>Callophrys lanoraieensis</i>	T		
Butterflies and Moths	Gerhard's Underwing 	<i>Catocala herodias gerhardi</i>	SC		
Butterflies and Moths	Precious Underwing Moth 	<i>Catocala pretiosa pretiosa</i>	E		
Butterflies and Moths	Waxed Sallow Moth 	<i>Chaetagnaea cerata</i>	SC		
Butterflies and Moths	Melsheimer's Sack Bearer 	<i>Cicinnus melsheimeri</i>	T		
Butterflies and Moths	Chain Dot Geometer 	<i>Cingilia catenaria</i>	SC		
Butterflies and Moths	Unexpected Cycnia 	<i>Cycnia inopinatus</i>	T		
Butterflies and Moths	The Pink Streak 	<i>Dargida rubripennis</i>	T		
Butterflies and Moths	Three-Lined Angle Moth 	<i>Digrammia eremiata</i>	T		
Butterflies and Moths	Imperial Moth 	<i>Eacles imperialis</i>	T		
Butterflies and Moths	Early Hairstreak 	<i>Erora laeta</i>	T		
Butterflies and Moths	Persius Duskywing 	<i>Erynnis persius persius</i>	E		
Butterflies and Moths	Sandplain Euchlaena 	<i>Euchlaena madusaria</i>	SC		
Butterflies and Moths	Dion Skipper 	<i>Euphyes dion</i>	T		
Butterflies and Moths	Phyllira Tiger Moth 	<i>Grammia phyllira</i>	E		

Butterflies and Moths	Slender Clearwing Sphinx Moth 	<i>Hemaris gracilis</i>	SC		
Butterflies and Moths	Barrens Buckmoth 	<i>Hemileuca maia</i>	SC		
Butterflies and Moths	Sandplain Heterocampa 	<i>Heterocampa varia</i>	T		
Butterflies and Moths	Buchholz's Gray 	<i>Hypomecis buchholzaria</i>	E		
Butterflies and Moths	Pale Green Pinion Moth 	<i>Lithophane viridipallens</i>	SC		
Butterflies and Moths	Twilight Moth 	<i>Lycia rachelae</i>	E		
Butterflies and Moths	Pine Barrens Lycia 	<i>Lycia ypsilon</i>	T		
Butterflies and Moths	Barrens Metarranthus 	<i>Metarranthus apiciaria</i>	E		
Butterflies and Moths	Coastal Swamp Metarranthus 	<i>Metarranthus pilosaria</i>	SC		
Butterflies and Moths	Northern Brocade Moth 	<i>Neoligia semicana</i>	SC		
Butterflies and Moths	Pitcher Plant Borer 	<i>Papaipema appassionata</i>	T		
Butterflies and Moths	Ostrich Fern Borer 	<i>Papaipema</i> sp. 2	SC		5
Butterflies and Moths	Chain Fern Borer 	<i>Papaipema stenocelis</i>	T		
Butterflies and Moths	Water-willow Stem Borer 	<i>Papaipema sulphurata</i>	T		
Butterflies and Moths	Spartina Borer 	<i>Photodes inops</i>	SC		
Butterflies and Moths	Mustard White 	<i>Pieris oleracea</i>	T		
Butterflies and Moths	Pink Sallow Moth 	<i>Psectraglaea carmosa</i>	SC		
Butterflies and Moths	Southern Ptichodis 	<i>Ptichodis bistrigata</i>	T		
Butterflies and Moths	Orange Sallow Moth 	<i>Pyrrhia aurantiago</i>	SC		
Butterflies and Moths	Oak Hairstreak 	<i>Satyrrium favonius</i>	SC		
Butterflies and Moths	Pine Barrens Speranza 	<i>Speranza exonerata</i>	SC		
Butterflies and Moths	Faded Gray Geometer 	<i>Stenoporpia polygrammaria</i>	T		
Butterflies and Moths	Dune Noctuid Moth 	<i>Sympistis riparia</i>	SC		
Butterflies and Moths	Pine Barrens Zale 	<i>Zale lunifera</i>	SC		6
Butterflies and Moths	Pine Barrens Zanclognatha 	<i>Zanclognatha martha</i>	T		

Plants

Taxonomic Group	Common Name	Scientific Name	MA Status	Fed Status	Notes
Adiantaceae (Cliff Ferns)	Fragile Rock-brake 	<i>Cryptogramma stelleri</i>	E		

Alismataceae (Arrowheads)	Wapato 	<i>Sagittaria cuneata</i>	T		
Alismataceae (Arrowheads)	Estuary Arrowhead 	<i>Sagittaria montevidensis</i> ssp. <i>spongiosa</i>	E		
Alismataceae (Arrowheads)	Terete Arrowhead 	<i>Sagittaria teres</i>	SC		
Apiaceae (Parsleys, Angelicas)	Hemlock Parsley 	<i>Conioselinum chinense</i>	SC		
Apiaceae (Parsleys, Angelicas)	Saltpond Pennywort 	<i>Hydrocotyle verticillata</i>	T		
Apiaceae (Parsleys, Angelicas)	Canadian Sanicle 	<i>Sanicula canadensis</i>	T		
Apiaceae (Parsleys, Angelicas)	Long-Styled Sanicle 	<i>Sanicula odorata</i>	T		
Aquifoliaceae (Hollies)	Mountain Winterberry 	<i>Ilex montana</i>	E		
Araceae (Arums)	Green Dragon 	<i>Arisaema dracontium</i>	T		
Araceae (Arums)	Golden Club 	<i>Orontium aquaticum</i>	E		
Araliaceae (Ginsengs)	Ginseng 	<i>Panax quinquefolius</i>	SC		
Asclepiadaceae (Milkweeds)	Purple Milkweed 	<i>Asclepias purpurascens</i>	E		
Asclepiadaceae (Milkweeds)	Linear-Leaved Milkweed 	<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>	T		
Aspleniaceae (Spleenworts)	Mountain Spleenwort 	<i>Asplenium montanum</i>	E		
Aspleniaceae (Spleenworts)	Wall-Rue Spleenwort 	<i>Asplenium ruta-muraria</i>	T		
Asteraceae (Asters, Composites)	Lesser Snakeroot 	<i>Ageratina aromatica</i>	E		
Asteraceae (Asters, Composites)	Eaton's Beggar-ticks 	<i>Bidens eatonii</i>	E		
Asteraceae (Asters, Composites)	Estuary Beggar-ticks 	<i>Bidens hyperborea</i>	E		
Asteraceae (Asters, Composites)	Cornel-leaved Aster 	<i>Doellingeria infirma</i>	E		
Asteraceae (Asters, Composites)	New England Boneset 	<i>Eupatorium novae-angliae</i>	E		
Asteraceae (Asters, Composites)	Purple Cudweed 	<i>Gamochaeta purpurea</i>	E		
Asteraceae (Asters, Composites)	New England Blazing Star 	<i>Liatris scariosa</i> var. <i>novae-angliae</i>	SC		
Asteraceae (Asters, Composites)	Lion's Foot 	<i>Nabalus serpentarius</i>	E		
Asteraceae (Asters, Composites)	Upland White Aster 	<i>Oligoneuron album</i>	E		
Asteraceae (Asters, Composites)	Sweet Coltsfoot 	<i>Petasites frigidus</i> var. <i>palmatius</i>	E		
Asteraceae (Asters, Composites)	Sclerolepis 	<i>Sclerolepis uniflora</i>	E		
Asteraceae (Asters, Composites)	Large-leaved Goldenrod 	<i>Solidago macrophylla</i>	T		

Asteraceae (Asters, Composites)	Rand's Goldenrod 	<i>Solidago simplex</i> ssp. <i>randii</i> var. <i>monticola</i>	E		
Asteraceae (Asters, Composites)	Eastern Silvery Aster 	<i>Symphotrichum concolor</i>	E		
Asteraceae (Asters, Composites)	Crooked-Stem Aster 	<i>Symphotrichum prenanthoides</i>	SC		
Asteraceae (Asters, Composites)	Tradescant's Aster 	<i>Symphotrichum tradescantii</i>	T		
Betulaceae (Birches, Alders)	Mountain Alder 	<i>Alnus viridis</i> ssp. <i>crispa</i>	T		
Betulaceae (Birches, Alders)	Swamp Birch 	<i>Betula pumila</i>	E		
Boraginaceae (Borages)	Northern Wild Comfrey 	<i>Cynoglossum virginianum</i> var. <i>boreale</i>	E		
Boraginaceae (Borages)	Oysterleaf 	<i>Mertensia maritima</i>	E		
Brassicaceae (Mustards)	Lyre-Leaved Rock-cress 	<i>Arabidopsis lyrata</i>	E		
Brassicaceae (Mustards)	Smooth Rock-cress 	<i>Boechera laevigata</i>	SC		
Brassicaceae (Mustards)	Green Rock-cress 	<i>Boechera missouriensis</i>	T		
Brassicaceae (Mustards)	Fen Cuckoo Flower 	<i>Cardamine dentata</i>	T		
Brassicaceae (Mustards)	Purple Cress 	<i>Cardamine douglassii</i>	E		
Brassicaceae (Mustards)	Long's Bitter-cress 	<i>Cardamine longii</i>	E		
Cactaceae (Cacti)	Prickly Pear 	<i>Opuntia humifusa</i>	E		
Campanulaceae (Bluebells, Lobelias)	Great Blue Lobelia 	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	E		
Caprifoliaceae (Honeysuckles)	Hairy Honeysuckle 	<i>Lonicera hirsuta</i>	E		
Caprifoliaceae (Honeysuckles)	Snowberry 	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i> var. <i>albus</i>	E		
Caprifoliaceae (Honeysuckles)	Broad Tinker's-weed 	<i>Triosteum perfoliatum</i>	E		
Caprifoliaceae (Honeysuckles)	Downy Arrow-wood 	<i>Viburnum rafinesquianum</i>	E		
Caryophyllaceae (Pinks, Sandworts)	Nodding Chickweed 	<i>Cerastium nutans</i>	E		
Caryophyllaceae (Pinks, Sandworts)	Michaux's Sandwort 	<i>Minuartia michauxii</i>	T		
Caryophyllaceae (Pinks, Sandworts)	Large-leaved Sandwort 	<i>Moehringia macrophylla</i>	E		
Caryophyllaceae (Pinks, Sandworts)	Silverling 	<i>Paronychia argyrocoma</i>	E		
Celastraceae (Staff Tree Family)	American Bittersweet 	<i>Celastrus scandens</i>	T		
Chenopodiaceae (Saltworts)	Fogg's Goosefoot 	<i>Chenopodium foggii</i>	E		
Chenopodiaceae (Saltworts)	American Sea-blite 	<i>Suaeda calceoliformis</i>	SC		

Cistaceae (Rockroses, Pinweeds)	Bushy Rockrose 	<i>Crocanthemum dumosum</i>	SC		
Cistaceae (Rockroses, Pinweeds)	Beaded Pinweed 	<i>Lechea pulchella</i> var. <i>moniliformis</i>	E		
Clusiaceae (St. John's-worts)	Creeping St. John's-wort 	<i>Hypericum adpressum</i>	T		
Clusiaceae (St. John's-worts)	Giant St. John's-wort 	<i>Hypericum ascyron</i>	E		
Clusiaceae (St. John's-worts)	St. Andrew's Cross 	<i>Hypericum stragulum</i>	E		
Convolvulaceae (Morning Glories)	Low Bindweed 	<i>Calystegia spithamea</i>	E		
Crassulaceae (Sedums)	Pygmyweed 	<i>Crassula aquatica</i>	T		
Cupressaceae (Cedars, Junipers)	Arborvitae 	<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Foxtail Sedge 	<i>Carex alopecoidea</i>	T		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Back's Sedge 	<i>Carex backii</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Bailey's Sedge 	<i>Carex baileyi</i>	T		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Bush's Sedge 	<i>Carex bushii</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Chestnut-colored Sedge 	<i>Carex castanea</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Creeping Sedge 	<i>Carex chordorrhiza</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Davis' Sedge 	<i>Carex davisii</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Handsome Sedge 	<i>Carex formosa</i>	T		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Glaucous Sedge 	<i>Carex glaucodea</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Slender Woodland Sedge 	<i>Carex gracilescens</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Gray's Sedge 	<i>Carex grayi</i>	T		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Hitchcock's Sedge 	<i>Carex hitchcockiana</i>	SC		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Shore Sedge 	<i>Carex lenticularis</i>	T		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Glaucous Sedge 	<i>Carex livida</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	False Hop-sedge 	<i>Carex lupuliformis</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Midland Sedge 	<i>Carex mesochorea</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Michaux's Sedge 	<i>Carex michauxiana</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Mitchell's Sedge 	<i>Carex mitchelliana</i>	T		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Rich Woods Sedge 	<i>Carex oligocarpa</i>	T		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Few-seeded Sedge 	<i>Carex oligosperma</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Few-flowered Sedge 	<i>Carex pauciflora</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Variable Sedge 	<i>Carex polymorpha</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Schweinitz's Sedge 	<i>Carex schweinitzii</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Dioecious Sedge 	<i>Carex sterilis</i>	T		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Walter's Sedge 	<i>Carex striata</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Fen Sedge 	<i>Carex tetanica</i>	SC		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Hairy-fruited Sedge 	<i>Carex trichocarpa</i>	SC		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Tuckerman's Sedge 	<i>Carex tuckermanii</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Cat-tail Sedge 	<i>Carex typhina</i>	T		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Engelmann's Umbrella-sedge 	<i>Cyperus engelmannii</i>	T		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Houghton's Flatsedge 	<i>Cyperus houghtonii</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Wright's Spike-rush 	<i>Eleocharis diandra</i>	E		

Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Intermediate Spike-sedge 	<i>Eleocharis intermedia</i>	T		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Tiny-fruited Spike-rush or Spike-sedge 	<i>Eleocharis microcarpa</i> var. <i>filiculmis</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Ovate Spike-rush or Spike-sedge 	<i>Eleocharis ovata</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Few-flowered Spike-sedge 	<i>Eleocharis quinqueflora</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Three-angled Spike-sedge 	<i>Eleocharis tricostata</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Slender Cottongrass 	<i>Eriophorum gracile</i>	T		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Dwarf Bulrush 	<i>Lipocarpa micrantha</i>	T		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Capillary Beak-sedge 	<i>Rhynchospora capillacea</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Inundated Horned-sedge 	<i>Rhynchospora inundata</i>	T		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Short-beaked Bald-sedge 	<i>Rhynchospora nitens</i>	T		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Long-beaked Bald-sedge 	<i>Rhynchospora scirpoides</i>	SC		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Torrey's Beak-sedge 	<i>Rhynchospora torreyana</i>	E		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Northeastern Bulrush 	<i>Scirpus ancistrochaetus</i>	E	E	
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Long's Bulrush 	<i>Scirpus longii</i>	T		
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Papillose Nut-sedge 	<i>Scleria pauciflora</i>	E		7
Cyperaceae (Sedges)	Tall Nut-sedge 	<i>Scleria triglomerata</i>	E		
Dryopteridaceae (Wood Ferns)	Braun's Holly-fern 	<i>Polystichum braunii</i>	E		
Dryopteridaceae (Wood Ferns)	Smooth Woodsia 	<i>Woodsia glabella</i>	E		
Elatinaceae (Waterworts)	American Waterwort 	<i>Elatine americana</i>	E		
Equisetaceae (Horsetails)	Dwarf Scouring-rush 	<i>Equisetum scirpoides</i>	SC		
Ericaceae (Laurels, Blueberries)	Great Laurel 	<i>Rhododendron maximum</i>	T		
Ericaceae (Laurels, Blueberries)	Mountain Cranberry 	<i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i> ssp. <i>minus</i>	E		
Eriocaulaceae (Pipeworts)	Parker's Pipewort 	<i>Eriocaulon parkeri</i>	E		
Fabaceae (Beans, Peas, Clovers)	Large-bracted Tick-trefoil 	<i>Desmodium cuspidatum</i>	T		
Fabaceae (Beans, Peas, Clovers)	Wild Senna 	<i>Senna hebecarpa</i>	E		
Fagaceae (Oaks, Beeches)	Bur Oak 	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	SC		
Fagaceae (Oaks, Beeches)	Yellow Oak 	<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	T		
Fumariaceae (Fumitories)	Climbing Fumitory 	<i>Adlumia fungosa</i>	SC		
Gentianaceae (Gentians)	Andrew's Bottle Gentian 	<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>	E		
Gentianaceae (Gentians)	Spurred Gentian 	<i>Halenia deflexa</i>	E		
Gentianaceae (Gentians)	Slender Marsh Pink 	<i>Sabatia campanulata</i>	E		
Gentianaceae (Gentians)	Plymouth Gentian 	<i>Sabatia kennedyana</i>	SC		
Gentianaceae (Gentians)	Sea Pink 	<i>Sabatia stellaris</i>	E		

Grossulariaceae (Currants)	Bristly Black Currant 	<i>Ribes lacustre</i>	SC		
Haemodoraceae (Redroots)	Redroot 	<i>Lachnanthes caroliana</i>	SC		
Haloragaceae (Water-milfoils)	Alternate-flowered Water-milfoil 	<i>Myriophyllum alterniflorum</i>	E		
Haloragaceae (Water-milfoils)	Farwell's Water-milfoil 	<i>Myriophyllum farwellii</i>	E		
Haloragaceae (Water-milfoils)	Pinnate Water-milfoil 	<i>Myriophyllum pinnatum</i>	SC		
Haloragaceae (Water-milfoils)	Comb Water-milfoil 	<i>Myriophyllum verticillatum</i>	E		
Hydrophyllaceae (Waterleaves)	Broad Waterleaf 	<i>Hydrophyllum canadense</i>	E		
Hymenophyllaceae (Filmy-ferns)	Appalachian Bristle-fern 	<i>Trichomanes intricatum</i>	E		
Iridaceae (Irises)	Sandplain Blue-eyed Grass 	<i>Sisyrinchium fuscatum</i>	SC		
Iridaceae (Irises)	Slender Blue-eyed Grass 	<i>Sisyrinchium mucronatum</i>	E		
Isoetaceae (Quillworts)	Acadian Quillwort 	<i>Isoetes acadensis</i>	E		
Isoetaceae (Quillworts)	Lake Quillwort 	<i>Isoetes lacustris</i>	E		
Juncaceae (Rushes)	Weak Rush 	<i>Juncus debilis</i>	E		
Juncaceae (Rushes)	Thread Rush 	<i>Juncus filiformis</i>	E		
Juncaceae (Rushes)	Black-fruited Woodrush 	<i>Luzula parviflora</i> ssp. <i>melanocarpa</i>	E		
Lamiaceae (Mints)	Purple Giant-hyssop 	<i>Agastache scrophulariifolia</i>	E		
Lamiaceae (Mints)	Downy Wood-mint 	<i>Blephilia ciliata</i>	E		
Lamiaceae (Mints)	Hairy Wood-mint 	<i>Blephilia hirsuta</i>	E		
Lamiaceae (Mints)	Gypsywort 	<i>Lycopus rubellus</i>	E		
Lamiaceae (Mints)	False Pennyroyal 	<i>Trichostema brachiatum</i>	E		
Lentibulariaceae (Bladderworts)	Resupinate Bladderwort 	<i>Utricularia resupinata</i>	T		
Lentibulariaceae (Bladderworts)	Subulate Bladderwort 	<i>Utricularia subulata</i>	SC		
Liliaceae (Lilies)	Devil's-bit 	<i>Chamaelirium luteum</i>	E		
Linaceae (Flaxes)	Sandplain Flax 	<i>Linum intercursum</i>	SC		
Linaceae (Flaxes)	Rigid Flax 	<i>Linum medium</i> var. <i>texanum</i>	T		
Lycopodiaceae (Clubmosses)	Foxtail Clubmoss 	<i>Lycopodiella alopecuroides</i>	E		
Lycopodiaceae (Clubmosses)	Appalachian Firmoss 	<i>Huperzia appressa</i>	E		
Lycopodiaceae (Clubmosses)	Mountain Firmoss 	<i>Huperzia selago</i>	E		

Lythraceae (Loosestrifes)	Toothcup 	<i>Rotala ramosior</i>	E		
Magnoliaceae (Magnolias)	Sweetbay Magnolia 	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	E		
Melastomataceae (Meadow Beauties)	Maryland Meadow Beauty 	<i>Rhexia mariana</i>	E		
Moraceae (Mulberries)	Red Mulberry 	<i>Morus rubra</i>	E		
Nymphaeaceae (Water Lilies)	Tiny Cow-lily 	<i>Nuphar microphylla</i>	E		
Onagraceae (Evening Primroses)	Many-fruited False-loosestrife 	<i>Ludwigia polycarpa</i>	E		
Onagraceae (Evening Primroses)	Round-fruited False-loosestrife 	<i>Ludwigia sphaerocarpa</i>	E		
Ophioglossaceae (Grape Ferns)	Adder's-tongue Fern 	<i>Ophioglossum pusillum</i>	T		
Orchidaceae (Orchids)	Putty-root 	<i>Aplectrum hyemale</i>	E		
Orchidaceae (Orchids)	Arethusa 	<i>Arethusa bulbosa</i>	T		
Orchidaceae (Orchids)	Autumn Coralroot 	<i>Corallorhiza odontorhiza</i>	SC		
Orchidaceae (Orchids)	Ram's-head Lady's-slipper 	<i>Cypripedium arietinum</i>	E		
Orchidaceae (Orchids)	Small Yellow Lady's-slipper 	<i>Cypripedium parviflorum</i> var. <i>makasin</i>	E		
Orchidaceae (Orchids)	Showy Lady's-slipper 	<i>Cypripedium reginae</i>	E		
Orchidaceae (Orchids)	Dwarf Rattlesnake-plantain 	<i>Goodyera repens</i>	E		
Orchidaceae (Orchids)	Small Whorled Pogonia 	<i>Isotria medeoloides</i>	E	T	
Orchidaceae (Orchids)	Lily-leaf Twayblade 	<i>Liparis liliifolia</i>	T		
Orchidaceae (Orchids)	Heartleaf Twayblade 	<i>Listera cordata</i>	E		
Orchidaceae (Orchids)	Bayard's Green Adder's-mouth 	<i>Malaxis bayardii</i>	E		
Orchidaceae (Orchids)	White Adder's-mouth 	<i>Malaxis monophyllos</i> var. <i>brachypoda</i>	E		
Orchidaceae (Orchids)	Crested Fringed Orchis 	<i>Platanthera cristata</i>	E		
Orchidaceae (Orchids)	Leafy White Orchis 	<i>Platanthera dilatata</i>	T		
Orchidaceae (Orchids)	Pale Green Orchis 	<i>Platanthera flava</i> var. <i>herbiola</i>	T		
Orchidaceae (Orchids)	Hooded Ladies'-tresses 	<i>Spiranthes romanzoffiana</i>	E		
Orchidaceae (Orchids)	Grass-leaved Ladies'-tresses 	<i>Spiranthes vernalis</i>	T		
Orchidaceae (Orchids)	Crane-fly Orchid 	<i>Tipularia discolor</i>	E		
Orchidaceae (Orchids)	Nodding Pogonia 	<i>Triphora trianthophora</i>	E		
Oxalidaceae (Wood-sorrels)	Violet Wood-sorrel 	<i>Oxalis violacea</i>	E		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Annual Peanutgrass 	<i>Amphicarpum amphicarpon</i>	E		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Purple Needlegrass 	<i>Aristida purpurascens</i>	T		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Seabeach Needlegrass 	<i>Aristida tuberculosa</i>	T		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Reed Bentgrass 	<i>Calamagrostis pickeringii</i>	E		

Poaceae (Grasses)	New England Northern Reedgrass 	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i> ssp. <i>inexpansa</i>	E		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Tufted Hairgrass 	<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i> ssp. <i>glauca</i>	E		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Mattamuskeet Panic-grass 	<i>Dichanthelium dichotomum</i> ssp. <i>mattamuskeetense</i>	E		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Common's Panic-grass 	<i>Dichanthelium ovale</i> ssp. <i>pseudopubescens</i>	SC		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Rough Panic-grass 	<i>Dichanthelium scabriusculum</i>	T		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Wright's Panic-grass 	<i>Dichanthelium wrightianum</i>	SC		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Hairy Wild Rye 	<i>Elymus villosus</i>	E		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Frank's Lovegrass 	<i>Eragrostis frankii</i>	SC		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Saltpond Grass 	<i>Leptochloa fusca</i> ssp. <i>fascicularis</i>	T		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Sea Lyme-grass 	<i>Leymus mollis</i>	E		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Woodland Millet 	<i>Milium effusum</i>	T		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Gattinger's Panic-grass 	<i>Panicum philadelphicum</i> ssp. <i>gattingeri</i>	SC		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Philadelphia Panic-grass 	<i>Panicum philadelphicum</i> ssp. <i>philadelphicum</i>	SC		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Long-leaved Panic-grass 	<i>Panicum rigidulum</i> ssp. <i>pubescens</i>	T		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Drooping Speargrass 	<i>Poa saltuensis</i> ssp. <i>languida</i>	E		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Bristly Foxtail 	<i>Setaria parviflora</i>	SC		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Salt Reedgrass 	<i>Spartina cynosuroides</i>	T		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Shining Wedgegrass 	<i>Sphenopholis nitida</i>	T		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Swamp Oats 	<i>Sphenopholis pennsylvanica</i>	T		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Small Dropseed 	<i>Sporobolus neglectus</i>	E		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Northern Gama-grass 	<i>Tripsacum dactyloides</i>	E		
Poaceae (Grasses)	Spiked False-oats 	<i>Trisetum spicatum</i>	E		
Polygonaceae (Docks, Knotweeds)	Pondshore Knotweed 	<i>Persicaria puritanorum</i>	SC		
Polygonaceae (Docks, Knotweeds)	Strigose Knotweed 	<i>Persicaria setacea</i>	T		
Polygonaceae (Docks, Knotweeds)	Sea-beach Knotweed 	<i>Polygonum glaucum</i>	SC		
Polygonaceae (Docks, Knotweeds)	Seabeach Dock 	<i>Rumex pallidus</i>	T		
Polygonaceae (Docks, Knotweeds)	Swamp Dock 	<i>Rumex verticillatus</i>	T		
Portulacaceae (Spring Beauties)	Narrow-leaved Spring Beauty 	<i>Claytonia virginica</i>	E		
Potamogetonaceae (Pondweeds)	Algae-like Pondweed 	<i>Potamogeton confervoides</i>	T		
Potamogetonaceae (Pondweeds)	Fries' Pondweed 	<i>Potamogeton friesii</i>	E		
Potamogetonaceae (Pondweeds)	Hill's Pondweed 	<i>Potamogeton hillii</i>	SC		
Potamogetonaceae (Pondweeds)	Ogden's Pondweed 	<i>Potamogeton ogdenii</i>	E		
Potamogetonaceae (Pondweeds)	Straight-leaved Pondweed 	<i>Potamogeton strictifolius</i>	E		
Potamogetonaceae (Pondweeds)	Vasey's Pondweed 	<i>Potamogeton vaseyi</i>	E		
Pyrolaceae (Shinleaf)	Pink Pyrola 	<i>Pyrola asarifolia</i> ssp. <i>asarifolia</i>	E		

Ranunculaceae (Buttercups)	Black Cohosh 	<i>Actaea racemosa</i>	E		
Ranunculaceae (Buttercups)	Purple Clematis 	<i>Clematis occidentalis</i>	SC		
Ranunculaceae (Buttercups)	Golden Seal 	<i>Hydrastis canadensis</i>	E		
Ranunculaceae (Buttercups)	Tiny-flowered Buttercup 	<i>Ranunculus micranthus</i>	E		
Ranunculaceae (Buttercups)	Bristly Buttercup 	<i>Ranunculus pensylvanicus</i>	SC		
Rosaceae (Roses, Shadbushes)	Small-flowered Agrimony 	<i>Agrimonia parviflora</i>	E		
Rosaceae (Roses, Shadbushes)	Hairy Agrimony 	<i>Agrimonia pubescens</i>	T		
Rosaceae (Roses, Shadbushes)	Bartram's Shadbush 	<i>Amelanchier bartramiana</i>	T		
Rosaceae (Roses, Shadbushes)	Roundleaf Shadbush 	<i>Amelanchier sanguinea</i>	SC		
Rosaceae (Roses, Shadbushes)	Bicknell's Hawthorn 	<i>Crataegus bicknellii</i>	E		
Rosaceae (Roses, Shadbushes)	Barren Strawberry 	<i>Geum fragarioides</i>	SC		
Rosaceae (Roses, Shadbushes)	Sandbar Cherry 	<i>Prunus pumila</i> var. <i>depressa</i>	T		
Rosaceae (Roses, Shadbushes)	Northern Prickly Rose 	<i>Rosa acicularis</i> ssp. <i>sayi</i>	E		
Rosaceae (Roses, Shadbushes)	Northern Mountain-ash 	<i>Sorbus decora</i>	E		
Rubiaceae (Bedstraws, Bluets)	Northern Bedstraw 	<i>Galium boreale</i>	E		
Rubiaceae (Bedstraws, Bluets)	Labrador Bedstraw 	<i>Galium labradoricum</i>	T		
Rubiaceae (Bedstraws, Bluets)	Long-leaved Bluet 	<i>Houstonia longifolia</i>	E		
Salicaceae (Willows)	Swamp Cottonwood 	<i>Populus heterophylla</i>	E		
Salicaceae (Willows)	Sandbar Willow 	<i>Salix exigua</i> ssp. <i>interior</i>	T		
Scheuchzeriaceae (Pod-grasses)	Pod-grass 	<i>Scheuchzeria palustris</i>	E		
Schizaeaceae (Climbing Ferns)	Climbing Fern 	<i>Lygodium palmatum</i>	SC		
Scrophulariaceae (Figworts)	Sandplain Gerardia 	<i>Agalinis acuta</i>	E	E	
Scrophulariaceae (Figworts)	Winged Monkey-flower 	<i>Mimulus alatus</i>	E		
Scrophulariaceae (Figworts)	Muskflower 	<i>Mimulus moschatus</i>	E		
Scrophulariaceae (Figworts)	Swamp Lousewort 	<i>Pedicularis lanceolata</i>	E		
Scrophulariaceae (Figworts)	Hairy Beardtongue 	<i>Penstemon hirsutus</i>	E		
Scrophulariaceae	Sessile Water-speedwell 	<i>Veronica catenata</i>	E		

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Scrophulariaceae (Figworts)	Culver's-root 	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	T		
Sparganiaceae (Bur-reeds)	Small Bur-reed 	<i>Sparganium natans</i>	E		
Verbenaceae (Vervains)	Narrow-leaved Vervain 	<i>Verbena simplex</i>	E		
Violaceae (Violets)	Sand Violet 	<i>Viola adunca</i>	SC		
Violaceae (Violets)	Britton's Violet 	<i>Viola brittoniana</i>	T		
Viscaceae (Christmas-mistletoes)	Dwarf Mistletoe 	<i>Arceuthobium pusillum</i>	SC		

1. Trimorphic freshwater population only.
2. Including triploid and other polyploid forms within the *Ambystoma jeffersonianum*/*Ambystoma laterale* complex.
3. Ditto
4. This species is listed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as *P. r. bangsi* (Plymouth Redbelly Turtle) in 50 CFR 17.11.
5. Undescribed species near *P. pterisii*
6. True *Z. lunifera*, sensu Schmidt (2010)
7. Includes the two varieties of this species that occur in Massachusetts: s.p. var. *pauciflora* and s.p. var. *caroliniana*.

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2. List Format - The columns entitled "Common Name" and "Scientific Name" define the species listed. In the "Status" columns the following symbols are used: "E" for Endangered, "T" for Threatened, and "SC" for Special Concern. The status defined under the "MA" column denotes the official status of the species in Massachusetts pursuant to M.G.L. c. 131A and 321 CMR 10.00. The status under the "US" column is the status of the species under the federal Endangered Species Act at the time of the latest revision of 321 CMR 10.00 and is given for informational purposes only. Recent changes in the federal list might not be reflected on this list. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should be consulted for official and up to date information on the federal status of any species. Inquiries may be made by writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 70 Commercial Street, Suite 300, Concord, NH 03301-5087. The "Taxonomic Family/Taxonomic Group" column of the list is included for the purpose of organization. The "Notes" column directs the reader to footnotes which further define or clarify the status of a species or alternative names of species.
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