

EXTIRPATED ANIMALS IN NORTH CAROLINA

This is a list of all taxa considered by state biologists and NCNHP to be extirpated (N.C. Rank of SX) in North Carolina. Those species with N.C. Status of E, T, SC, or SR are also included on the Rare List. NOTE: Quite a few species that might be gone from N.C. are included in the Rare and Watch Lists with an SH (=historic) rank, generally indicating that they have not been seen for more than 20 years, but because of inadequate survey or other factors they may well still exist in the state or may be absent but expected to be found again in upcoming years.

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	GLOBAL RANK	NOTES
MAMMALS			
<i>Bos bison</i>	American Bison	G4	MP: open woodlands
<i>Canis lupus</i>	Gray Wolf	G4	MPS?C?: extensive forests, remote areas
<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>	North American Porcupine	G5	M: high elevation hardwood forests**
<i>Lepus americanus</i>	Snowshoe Hare	G5	M: spruce-fir, other high elevation forests**
<i>Martes pennanti</i>	Fisher	G5	M: spruce-fir forests**
<i>Puma concolor cougar</i>	Eastern Cougar	G5THQ	MPC: extensive forests, remote areas
BIRDS			
<i>Campephilus principalis</i>	Ivory-billed Woodpecker	GH	C: extensive swamps, bottomlands with old-growth trees (one NC record)
<i>Columbina passerina</i>	Common Ground-dove	G5	T: dunes, sandy fields, margins of maritime woods and thickets
<i>Conuropsis carolinensis</i>	Carolina Parakeet	GX	M?PSC: forests, esp. swamps and bottomlands
<i>Ectopistes migratorius</i>	Passenger Pigeon	GX	MPSC: forests (winter only)
<i>Thryomanes bewickii altus</i>	Appalachian Bewick's Wren	G5T2Q	M: woodland borders or openings, farmlands or brushy fields at high elevations
<i>Vermivora bachmanii</i>	Bachman's Warbler	GH	PC: bottomland forests, swamps

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AMPHIBIANS			
<i>Rana heckscheri</i>	River Frog	G5	SC: river floodplains, floodplain pools or borrow pit ponds
FRESHWATER FISHES			
<i>Etheostoma jessiae</i>	Blueside Darter	G4Q	M: streams in Mills River system
<i>Percina williamsi</i>	Sickle Darter	G2	M: French Broad River
<i>Polyodon spathula</i>	Paddlefish	G4	M: French Broad River
MOLLUSKS - FRESHWATER BIVALVES			
<i>Alasmidonta robusta</i>	Carolina Elktoe	G1Q	P: Long Creek in Mecklenburg
<i>Cyclonaias pustulosa</i>	Pimpleback	G5	M: Tennessee drainages
<i>Epioblasma florentina walkeri</i>	Tan Riffleshell	G1T1	M: French Broad, other rivers
<i>Medionidus conradicus</i>	Cumberland Moccasinshell	G3G4	M: French Broad River
<i>Pleuroaia dolabelloides</i>	Slabside Pearlymussel	G2	M: Little Tenn. River (?)
<i>Ptychobranchnus fasciolaris</i>	Kidneyshell	G4G5	M: Tenn. Drainages
<i>Toxolasma lividum</i>	Purple Lilliput	G2	M: French Broad River
<i>Tritogonia verrucosa</i>	Pistolgrip	G4G5	M: New River near Virginia border
INSECTS - BUTTERFLIES			
<i>Speyeria idalia</i>	Regal Fritillary	G3	M: wet or dry meadows, bogs, open hilltops

* All recorded occurrences in the county are either extirpated, have not been found in recent surveys, or have not been surveyed recently enough to be confident they are still present. Unsurveyed occurrences are regarded as historical after 20-40 years, the number of years depending on the species and the amount of habitat alteration in the area. An asterisk should not be regarded as a definitive statement that the species is gone from the county but indicates that there is reason to doubt its continued existence.

**No positively documented records.