

List of Species of Concern Benefitted by Black-footed ferret & Prairie dog Conservation Efforts

Adapted from the USFWS Black-footed ferret Recovery Implementation Team, 2024 & Updated, 2026

Bold = federally listed

State	SGCN <i>Species of Greatest Conservation Need</i>		SGIN <i>Species of Greatest Information Need</i>	State-listed - T & E <i>Threatened & Endangered</i>	Species that have been considered for listing
AZ 2022	Bald eagle Black-footed ferret Black-tailed prairie dog Burrowing owl Chestnut-collared longspur Chihuahuan raven Eastern yellow-bellied racer Ferruginous hawk Fringed myotis Golden eagle	Gunnison's prairie dog Hoary bat Horned lark Killdeer Mountain plover Prairie falcon Sonoran tiger salamander Swainson's hawk Thick-billed longspur	<i>Does not have SGIN list.</i>	<i>Arizona does not have a state list of threatened and endangered species.</i>	Black-tailed prairie dog Bald eagle Burrowing owl Ferruginous hawk Golden eagle Gunnison's prairie dog Hoary bat Mountain plover Swainson's hawk
CO 2025	Big brown bat Black-footed ferret Black-tailed prairie dog Burrowing owl Chestnut-collared longspur Eastern red bat Fringed myotis Golden eagle Gunnison's prairie dog Little brown myotis	Long-billed curlew Mountain plover Northern hoary bat Prairie falcon Silver-haired bat Southern plains bumble bee Thick-billed longspur Western small-footed myotis White-tailed prairie dog	Ferruginous hawk Killdeer Lesser earless lizard White-tailed jackrabbit Texas horned lizard	Bald eagle Black-footed ferret Burrowing owl Kit fox Swift fox Texas horned lizard	Black-tailed prairie dog Burrowing owl Ferruginous hawk Golden eagle Gunnison's prairie dog Little brown bat Mountain plover Northern hoary bat Southern plains bumble bee Western small-footed myotis White-tailed prairie dog
KS 2025	Bald eagle Black-footed ferret Black-tailed prairie dog Burrowing owl Chestnut-collared longspur Chihuahuan raven Common lesser earless lizard Curve-billed thrasher Eastern tiger salamander Ferruginous hawk Golden eagle	Little brown myotis Long-billed curlew Mountain plover Prairie rattlesnake Southern plains bumble bee Swainson's hawk Swift fox Texas horned lizard Thick-billed longspur Upland sandpiper Western small-footed myotis	<i>Does not have SGIN list.</i>	Black-footed ferret	Bald eagle Black-tailed prairie dog Burrowing owl Ferruginous hawk Golden eagle Little brown myotis Mountain plover Southern plains bumble bee Swainson's hawk Swift fox Texas horned lizard

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MT 2025	Black-footed ferret Black-tailed prairie dog Burrowing owl Chestnut-collared longspur Eastern red bat Ferruginous hawk Fringed myotis Golden eagle Greater short-horned lizard Great plains toad Little brown myotis	Long-billed curlew Mountain plover Northern hoary bat Plains spadefoot toad Prairie falcon Prairie rattlesnake Silver-haired bat Swift fox Thick-billed longspur Upland sandpiper White-tailed prairie dog	Eastern cottontail Western small-footed myotis	Black-footed ferret	Bison Black-tailed prairie dog Burrowing owl Ferruginous hawk Golden eagle Hoary bat Little brown bat Mountain plover Swift fox White-tailed prairie dog
NE 2025	Black-tailed prairie dog Burrowing owl Chestnut-collared longspur Eastern red bat Ferruginous hawk Fringed myotis Golden eagle Hoary bat Little brown myotis	Long-billed curlew Mountain plover Prairie falcon Silky pocket mouse Southern plains bumble bee Swift fox Thick-billed longspur White-tailed jackrabbit	Lesser earless lizard	Black-footed ferret Mountain plover Swift fox Thick-billed longspur	Black-tailed prairie dog Burrowing owl Ferruginous hawk Golden eagle Hoary bat Little brown myotis Mountain plover Southern plains bumble bee Swift fox
NM 2025	Bald eagle Banner-tailed kangaroo rat Black-footed ferret Black-tailed prairie dog Burrowing owl Chestnut-collared longspur Chihuahuan raven Eastern red bat Ferruginous hawk Fringed myotis Golden eagle Gunnison's prairie dog	Hoary bat Horned lark Killdeer Lapland longspur Long-billed curlew Mountain plover Northern pygmy mouse Prairie falcon Southwestern little brown myotis Southern plains bumble bee Thick-billed longspur	Lesser earless lizard	Bald eagle	Bald eagle Black-tailed prairie dog Burrowing owl Ferruginous hawk Golden eagle Gunnison's prairie dog Hoary bat Mountain plover Southern plains bumble bee

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WY 2027 draft	Bald eagle Black-footed ferret Black-tailed prairie dog Burrowing owl Chestnut-collared longspur Eastern red bat Ferruginous hawk Fringed myotis Golden eagle Great plains earless lizard Great plains toad Greater short-horned lizard Hoary bat Long-billed curlew	Mountain plover Little brown myotis Plains spadefoot Prairie rattlesnake Silky pocket mouse Silver-haired bat Swainson's hawk Swift fox Thick-billed longspur Upland sandpiper Western small-footed myotis Western tiger salamander White-tailed prairie dog	<i>Rather than a SGIN list, WY uses a NSSU (native species status unknown) list which includes the silky pocket mouse.</i>	<i>Rather than a state list of threatened and endangered species, WY uses a protected species list which includes the black-footed ferret.</i>	Bald eagle Black-tailed prairie dog Burrowing owl Ferruginous hawk Golden eagle Little brown myotis Mountain plover Swainson's hawk Swift fox Western small-footed myotis White-tailed prairie dog

Additional species that are benefitted by prairie dog and black-footed ferret conservation efforts: American badger, Brazilian free-tailed bat, coyote, desert cottontail, northern and southern grasshopper mouse, Mearn's grasshopper mouse, red-tailed hawk, great horned owl, red fox, bobcat, elk, turkey vulture, common raven, rough-legged hawk, and black widow.

Methods: To update this list of SGCN species that benefit from prairie dog and black-footed ferret conservation efforts, we used the original USFWS list, compared it to Richard P. Reading's findings in Slobodchikoff et. al. 2009. In 2019, Reading updated this list (unpublished). We took that 2019 update, searched for new literature from 2019-26 on prairie dog ecosystem associated species and referenced each state's SWAP species. We found 62 SGCN species with either a strong (unambiguous studies) or some (mix of studies with and without relationship) documented positive association with prairie dog colonies which are the categories that were searched in the state SWAPs. We also searched more than 200 additional species and classified them as minimal, contradictory (ambiguous data from studies) or negative associations (unambiguous studies saying no relationship); no data and gray area category were also included.

Species	Citation Reference #	Species	Citation Reference #
American badger	1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 12, 27, 28, 34, 41, 57, 65, 77	Lapland longspur	2, 88
Bald eagle	8, 41, 61, 63, 84, 95	Lesser earless lizard	2, 4, 13, 31, 41, 65, 89
Banner-tailed kangaroo rat	41, 43, 80	Little brown myotis	82
Big brown bat	81, 82, 83	Long-billed curlew	2, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 34, 41, 44, 57, 59, 63, 76
Bison	1, 2, 8, 57, 77, 79	Mearn's grasshopper mouse	41
Black Widow	72, 73	Mountain plover	2, 3, 7, 11, 26, 35, 44, 47, 53, 54, 57, 59, 60, 65, 78
Black-footed ferret	1, 8, 39, 41, 48, 49, 50, 51, 65, 69	Northern grasshopper mouse	1, 3, 6, 8, 14, 27, 28, 34, 42, 43, 45, 55, 65, 80
Bobcat	1, 2, 8	Northern pygmy mouse	41
Brazilian Free-tailed bat	83	Plains spadefoot toad	13, 14, 34, 41, 14, 42
Burrowing owl	2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 28, 34, 35, 36, 37, 41, 44, 57, 58, 59, 65, 84	Prairie falcon	8, 57, 63, 84
Chestnut-collared longspur	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 28, 34, 37, 44, 63, 64, 85, 86, 88	Prairie rattlesnake	13, 14, 27, 28, 33, 34, 41, 65
Chihuahuan raven	2, 10, 41, 57, 63, 77, 84	Pronghorn	1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 27, 28, 34, 57, 77, 79
Common raven	8, 68	Red fox	3, 7, 8
Coyote	1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 12, 27, 28, 34, 65, 77	Red-tailed hawk	1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 34, 52, 57, 59, 63, 84
Curve-billed thrasher	4, 10, 57, 63, 77	Rough-legged hawk	8, 63, 84
Desert cottontail	1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 12, 14, 34, 38, 57, 41 77	Silky pocket mouse	41, 45, 55, 80
Eastern cottontail	8, 27, 28, 34	Silver-haired bat	82, 83
Eastern red bat	83	Southern grasshopper mouse	41
Elk	7, 57, 79	Southern plains bumble bee	94
Ferruginous hawk	2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 21, 28, 30, 32, 34, 37, 41, 57, 59, 65, 84	Swainson's hawk	2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 57, 63
Fringed myotis	81, 82	Swift fox	2, 8, 27, 28, 34, 65, 77
Golden eagle	1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 34, 59, 61, 65, 84	Texas horned lizard	34
Great horned owl	3, 6, 63	Tiger Salamander	2, 3, 13, 14, 25, 27, 28, 65
Great plains toad	8, 34	Thick-billed longspur	41, 44, 63, 64, 65, 86, 88
Greater short-horned lizard	14, 42	Turkey vulture	57, 59, 61, 63, 77, 84
Hoary bat	81, 82, 83	Upland sandpiper	2, 6, 7, 8, 34, 44, 61, 63, 65
Horned lark	2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 28, 34, 35, 37, 41, 44, 59, 60, 61, 57, 65, 74, 77, 78, 86	Western small-footed myotis	81, 82, 83
Killdeer	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 28, 34, 35, 44, 52, 59, 61, 65, 86	White-tailed jackrabbit	1, 3, 7, 8
Kit fox	41, 65, 77		

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