



Inter-agency Coordination

Wildlife Information and Environmental Services (WIES)

Purpose: This document depicts which state and federal agencies have authority for the management and protection of listed plants and animals in Virginia.

Species Status and Responsible Agency:

Species Status and Type		Responsible Agency in Virginia
Federal Endangered (FE)	<i>Animals</i>	USFWS (or NOAA) and DWR
	<i>Plants and insects</i>	USFWS and DCR-DNH
Federal Threatened (FT)	<i>Animals</i>	USFWS (or NOAA) and DWR
	<i>Plants and insects</i>	USFWS and DCR-DNH
Federal Candidate (FC)	<i>Animals</i>	USFWS
	<i>Plants and insects</i>	USFWS and DCR-DNH
Federal Proposed (FP)		USFWS (at applicant's discretion)
Federal Species of Concern (FS)		USFWS (at applicant's discretion)
State Endangered (SE)	<i>Animals</i>	DWR
	<i>Plants and insects</i>	DCR-DNH
State Threatened (ST)	<i>Animals</i>	DWR
	<i>Plants and insects</i>	DCR-DNH
Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)^		DWR (at applicant's discretion)

** the VA Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) retains legal authority for the protection of all plants and listed insects. However, through a memorandum of agreement with DCR-DNH, coordination regarding these resources should be initiated with DCR-DNH.*

Coordination Recommendations

If DWR data accessed through VAFWIS or WERMS returns a documented record of a listed species* or designated resource within 2 miles of your project, refer to the information below, organized by data type, to determine IF you need to coordinate with DWR. Coordination with DWR should be initiated by submission to ESSProjects@dwr.virginia.gov or ProjectReview@DWR.virginia.gov, to determine which is best please see here: <https://dwr.virginia.gov/wies/environmental-services/> .

DWR will need at least 30 days to review the submission.

Species Observations (SppObs) – The Species Observation dataset includes all verified species documentations maintained by DWR. This dataset is mostly populated with information about nongame species. Follow the above guidelines (coordination recommendations by species status) for coordination if a species is documented by SppObs within the search area.

Bald Eagle Nests (BAEANests) – The Bald Eagle Nests dataset includes bald eagle nest locations maintained by DWR. Contact the USFWS for recommendations regarding bald eagle protection.

Bald Eagle Concentration Area and Roosts (BECAR) – The Bald Eagle Concentration Area and Roosts dataset includes the locations of bald eagle concentration areas, defined as 660 feet landward or channelward of the shoreline, and documented roosting sites maintained by DWR. Contact the USFWS for recommendations regarding bald eagle protection.

Bat Hibernacula and Roosts (Winter Habitat and Roosts) – This dataset includes documented roost sites and major hibernacula for Northern Long-eared Bats, Tricolored Bats, and Little Brown Bats. These sites are ascribed a regulatory buffer which indicates the need for agency coordination, either with DWR, the USFWS or both. Please coordinate with DWR and/or the USFWS if your project site is overlaid by one of these regulatory buffers. We recommend adherence to the 4 (d) Rule for NLEBs.

Threatened and Endangered Species Waters (TEWaters) – The Threatened and Endangered Species Waters dataset includes the location of waters in which a listed species has been documented and which agency biologists have determined are currently occupied by such species. Coordinate with DWR any time a TEWater is documented from your project area and it or waters upstream of it are proposed for impacts.

Anadromous Fish Use Areas – The Anadromous Fish Use Areas dataset includes the locations of streams known to provide migratory and spawning habitats for anadromous fish. Coordinate with DWR any time an Anadromous Fish Use Area is documented within your project area and it or waters upstream of it are proposed for impacts.

Cold Water Streams – The Cold Water Streams dataset includes the locations of waters designated as cold water habitat. Many of these streams represent designated wild trout streams. Coordinate with DWR any time a Cold Water Stream is documented within your project area and it or waters upstream of it are proposed for impacts.

Stocked Trout Waters – The Stocked Trout Waters dataset includes the locations of waters currently stocked with trout by DWR and those suitable for stocking. Coordinate with DWR any time a Stocked Trout Water is documented within your project area and proposed for impacts.

Colonial Waterbird (CWB) – This dataset includes all documented locations of colonial waterbird colonies maintained by DWR. Coordinate with DWR any time a colonial waterbird colony has been documented within your search area and project activities are proposed to occur within 0.5 mile of the colony.

DWR Lands (boat ramps, WMA's, Fish Hatcheries) – The DWR Lands dataset includes locations of all DWR facilities. Coordinate with DWR any time your project is located adjacent

to or will impact DWR property identified by the DWR Lands dataset.

Predicted Habitat, Aquatic and Terrestrial – The Predicted Habitat dataset includes the locations of habitats that, through agency modeling efforts, have been identified as potential habitat for listed or WAP tiered species. Coordination with DWR is NOT necessary if a species is only documented by this dataset.

Impediments to Fish Passage – The Impediments dataset includes the locations of known impediments to aquatic species passage. Coordination with DWR is not necessary based on documentations only from this dataset.

Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) – NO coordination necessary if species only documented by this dataset.

Breeding Bird Atlas (BBA) - No coordination necessary if species only documented by this dataset.

Christmas Bird Count (CBC) - No coordination Necessary if species only documented by this dataset.

**Time sensitivity: Any data 30 years old or older is considered historic and does not need to be evaluated when making coordination decisions*

DWR Contacts

DWR Nongame Taxonomic Expert Contact List: Use the table below to identify the appropriate contact to answer questions or provide information regarding nongame species, including listed and tiered species. This is for consultation only. DWR official comments should be provided by the WIES program.

Reptiles/Amphibians:	
John (JD) Kleopfer 804-829-6703 John.Kleopfer@dwr.virginia.gov	
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Fishes:	
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Mammals:
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Eastern Shore: (birds, sea turtles, sea mammals)
Ruth Boettcher 757-709-0766 Ruth.Boettcher@dwr.virginia.gov

DWR Common Wildlife Species and Resources Contact List: Use the table below to identify the appropriate contact to answer any questions or provide information regarding common wildlife and/or wildlife-related recreation in your area. Link to DWR regional map: <https://dwr.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/media/DWR-Region-Map.pdf>

DWR Region	Terrestrial Species	Aquatic Species	Lands/Facilities
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