

## West Virginia “At-Risk” Species for Farm Bill Programs

An at-risk species is considered to be any plant or animal species in need direct intervention to halt the population decline. The following species are to be considered “at-risk” for the purposes of ranking applications for Farm Bill programs.

These species will be benefitted by conservation measures either directly (e.g. writing management plans for individual species); or indirectly (e.g. exclusion of livestock from habitats containing species).

1. **Northern bobwhite quail** (see WV range map in the WV Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Technique)
2. **American woodcock** (statewide)
3. **Eastern brook trout** (counties in WV that support streams containing brook trout)
4. Any species of **reptile** or **amphibian** (statewide). Primarily involves protection, restoration and creation of habitats that support these animals (i.e. wetlands).
5. Any species of **freshwater mussel** (excluding invasive zebra mussels and Asiatic clams). Refer to the electronic CPA-052 T&E tab for a list of streams that contain known populations of mussels.
6. \* Any plant or animal species (including Candidate species) currently listed on the WV **Threatened and Endangered** list within Section II of the electronic Field Office Technical Guide at: [http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/efotg\\_locator.aspx?map=WV](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map=WV)
7. \* Any plant or animal species identified by the WV Diversity and Natural Heritage Program listed as S1, S2 or S3 (see below) at: <http://www.wvdnr.gov/Wildlife/RareSpecList.shtm> .

<b>S1</b>	Five or fewer documented occurrences or very few remaining individuals within the state. Extremely rare and critically imperiled.
<b>S2</b>	Six to 20 documented occurrences, or few remaining individuals within the state. Very rare and imperiled.
<b>S3</b>	Twenty-one to 100 documented occurrences.

*\* Selection of species from this list must be done in consultation with the NRCS, USFWS or a WVDNR biologist with documented evidence of benefit to a particular species.*