

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

An at-risk species is considered to be any plant or animal species in need of direct intervention by humans 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.*