



America Celebrates Endangered Species Day

The U.S. Senate has unanimously proclaimed May 11 as "Endangered Species Day," providing for the first-ever national celebration of America's commitment to protecting our nation's wildlife.

On May 11, America will celebrate endangered species success stories, including the protection and recovery of the American bald eagle, peregrine falcon, humpback whale and many of our nation's wildlife, fish and plants.



Endangered Species Day

On April 6, 2006, the United States Senate unanimously passed a resolution to designate May 11th as national Endangered Species Day.

The resolution encourages "The people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, the threats to species, success stories in species recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide."

The resolution was introduced by Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), and was co-sponsored by Senators Biden (D-DE), Byrd (D-WV), Cantwell (D-WA), Chafee (R-RI), Clinton (D-NY), Crapo (R-ID), Dodd (D-CT), Feingold (D-WI), Levin (D-MI), Lieberman (D-CT), Reed (D-RI), Snowe (R-ME) and Collins (R-ME).

Endangered Species Day provides an opportunity for schools, libraries, museums, zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens, agencies, businesses, and community groups to educate the public about the importance of protecting endangered species and highlight everyday actions that individuals and groups can take to help protect our nation's endangered species.



Endangered Species Coalition

PO Box 65195

Washington, DC 20035

www.stopextinction.org



Endangered Species Day May 11th, 2006

*Celebrate success in
endangered species
protection and
recovery*





Endangered Species

There are over 1200 species of wildlife, fish and plants listed as threatened or endangered in the United States, including the bald eagle, gray wolf, manatee and Pacific salmon. Over 500 international species are also listed.

Scientists tell us that one of the most effective ways to protect species is to protect the places where they live.

Extinction is something we can't afford. Diverse plants, fish and wildlife provide us with priceless benefits — from supplying lifesaving drugs to maintaining natural ecosystems for drinking water, flood protection, open space, recreation and eco-tourism.



The Endangered Species Act



The Endangered Species Act provides a safety net for animals and plants on the brink of extinction.

For more than 30 years, the Endangered Species Act has successfully prevented the extinction of hundreds of species, including the bald eagle, whooping crane, grizzly bear and Florida panther. The resounding success of the Act shows in the fact that just 9 out of the more than 1,800 species listed as endangered under the Act have been declared extinct.

Protecting America's wildlife today is a legacy we leave to our children and grandchildren, so that all Americans can experience the rich variety of native species that help to define our nation.



Celebrate

Endangered Species Day on May 11th, 2006.

- Learn about endangered species in your area
- Provide habitat for wildlife in your backyard
- Plan a field trip to a local park, zoo, aquarium or endangered species habitat in your town
- Participate in an endangered species protection or restoration project
- Sign the Endangered Species Act Legacy Pledge at www.stopextinction.org/legacypledge

For more information, visit the

Endangered Species Day website at

www.stopextinction.org/endangeredspeciesday