



Species At Risk

Species at Risk are those whose populations are low enough to merit special actions to prevent them from becoming extinct or from disappearing from the Province. An independent committee of scientific experts determines how imperiled a species is and then assigns it to one of four categories: Extirpated, Endangered, Threatened or Special Concern.

As soon as a species is listed as endangered or threatened, it, along with its habitat, are automatically protected from harm, under Ontario's Endangered Species Act.

Species can become at risk due to a number of reasons. These include habitat loss, pollution, changing land use activities, as well as the spread of invasive species.

More than 190 of Ontario's wild species are at risk, and some of these, like the Peregrine Falcon, occur in Greater Sudbury. The City's Official Plan includes policies that relate directly to the protection of the habitat of Species at Risk.

Species at Risk will be considered in planning and implementing the interventions associated with ecological recovery in Greater Sudbury.

Species at Risk stewardship and recovery is a key part of protecting our biodiversity. Ontario's Biodiversity Strategy includes a set of principles, goals and actions we all can take to protect and recover Species at Risk.

Visit the Ontario Species at Risk website for more information:

<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/Species/>