

New Mexico State Wildlife Action Plan Update

NEW MEXICO STATE WILDLIFE ACTION
PLAN 2024 REVISION

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State Wildlife Action Plans

- Serve as the nation's blueprints for proactively conserving fish and wildlife to prevent species from becoming endangered. Keep the off the list!
- Required to be eligible for State Wildlife Grants (\$28,973,180 received since 2002).
- Land of enchantment legacy fund and Pitman-Robertson spending also guided by SWAP.
- First plans created in 2005. Last revision in 2016.
- Required by US Fish and Wildlife Service to complete a revision by October 1, 2025 (along with most other states).







Reasons for revision

- Continued population declines
- New threats emerging (renewables, disease)
- Addition of pollinating insects
- New data to incorporate
- Process being refined and standardized
- Climate impacts







Revision Process

- Led by Assistant Chief Virginia Seamster
- SWAP Core Team first met in January 2024
- WNRC Interim Committee briefed 9.26.24
- SWAP Submitted for public comment 5.8.25
- Commission approved SWAP Revision at 6.13.25 Meeting
- Submitted to USFWS for approval 7.2.25







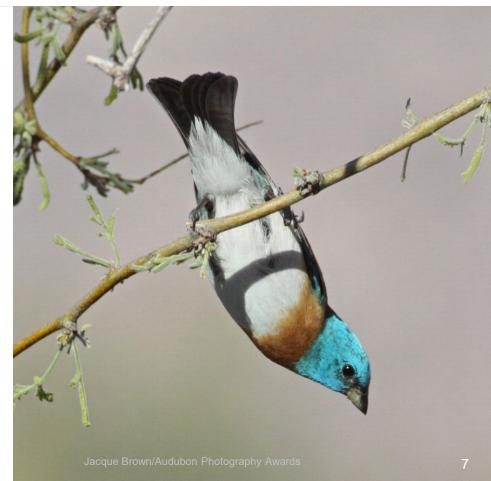
Number of SGCN by taxonomic group in 2017 and 2025 SWAP

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Amphibians	14	15
Bees	O	32
Beetles	0	2
Birds	72	145
Butterflies & Moths	O	44
Crustaceans	30	31
Fishes	29	39
Flies	O	8
Mammals	24	57
Molluscs	46	86
Reptiles	20	40



SWAP Implementation

- NMDGF Leadership has committed Land of Enchantment Legacy Fund to SGCN recovery
- Currently 79 SGCN focused projects underway that will benefit hundreds of SGCN
- Habitat improvement and research projects in nearly every county in the state





SGCN Projects

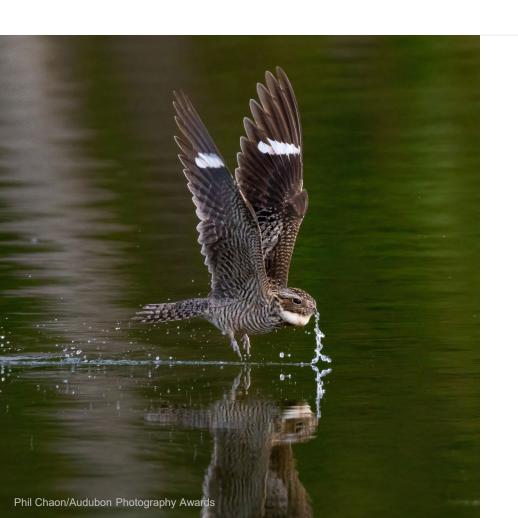
White-tailed Ptarmigan Investigations

Studying survival, nest success and habitat selection to guide recovery efforts

Taos, Mora and Rio Arriba Counties







SGCN Projects

Nightjar Surveys

Collecting data to contribute to national study on declining nightjar populations to guide habitat restoration efforts

Colfax, Union, McKinley, Dona Ana, Luna, Chavez, Rio Arriba, Sandoval Counties



SGCN Projects

Grassland Bird MOTUS tagging and Monitoring

Focused on four species of grassland birds (Baird's Sparrow, Sprague's Pipit, Thick-billed Longspur and Chestnut-collared Longspur).

Chavez, Lea and Roosevelt Counties.





