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NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

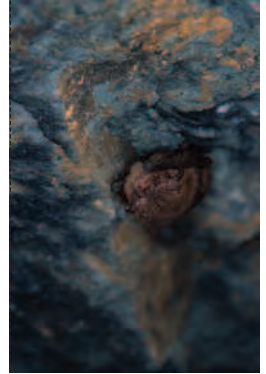


Every year hundreds of female sea turtles cautiously crawl out of the ocean onto North Carolina's beaches to lay over 100 eggs each. Many obstacles face the turtle from its life as an egg to adulthood—weather, predation, pollution and human intrusion. Biologists estimate only one of every 1,000 eggs laid becomes a reproducing turtle. The N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission monitors nests and educates beach communities among other actions to improve the odds for North Carolina's sea turtles.

From the coast to the mountains, the Wildlife Commission is actively involved in the conservation of hundreds of species, work made possible through donations from North Carolina's citizens.

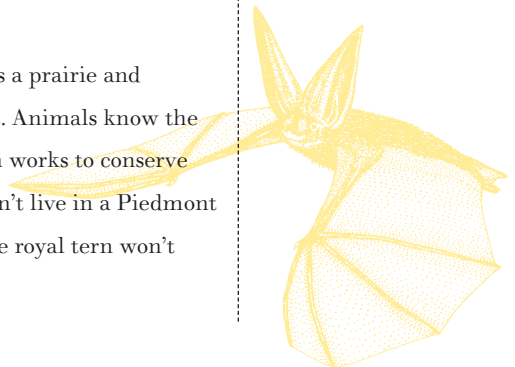


Biologist Chris McGrath checks for bats at Cranberry Iron Mine, an abandoned cave network in Avery County protected by the Wildlife Commission.



HABITAT

We know that a swamp is not the same as a prairie and both differ from the long-leaf pine forest. Animals know the difference, too. The Wildlife Commission works to conserve mountain bogs, because the bog turtle can't live in a Piedmont pine forest and coastal islands because the royal tern won't nest in an oak tree.



Biologist Angie Rodgers searches for freshwater mussels in Moccasin Creek, North Carolina. North Carolina has a great diversity of freshwater mussels—about 60 species. They are good indicators of overall stream health.



SPECIES

With about 1,000 different birds, mammals, fish, reptiles and other creatures, North Carolina is truly flush with wildlife. Biologists with the Wildlife Commission count the birds, track the bats, locate the flying squirrels and otherwise record the location and bounty of wildlife. Without vigilance, a species could slip through our fingers.





A NATURAL LEGACY

The hawks and owls, the frogs and minnows, even the majestic eagle can disappear from our state through benign neglect. It's not enough to pass laws protecting these animals; they need active conservation if we want our children to enjoy our natural resources as much as we do. The Wildlife Commission educates landowners, government agencies and businesses on the needs of wildlife and how to co-exist with imperiled species.

Biologist Mark Johns teaches people across the state to recognize different birds by sight and sound.



Biologist David Allen participates in a survey to monitor the reproductive health of shore birds and wading birds on North Carolina's coast. Some of the 25 species in the survey are nesting well, but others have seen significant declines.



MATCHING FUNDS

The federal government created a financial resource to boost wildlife conservation on the state level. The State Wildlife Grants program provides money for monitoring, research, land conservation and other tools that states use to conserve their wildlife.

The Wildlife Commission uses donations to the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund to leverage these federal dollars for wildlife conservation in our state. For every dollar donated to the Fund, the state can receive up to three dollars in match from the State Wildlife Grants program.





eastern newt



Kentucky warbler

NOT A TAX, BUT A TAX BENEFIT

The Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund—not state tax revenues—is the primary source of matching funds for Wildlife Commission’s work with nongame wildlife. The Fund is entirely supported by private donations. Your donation is tax-deductible, so please give today.



northern flying squirrel



indigo bunting

THREE EASY WAYS TO SHOW YOU CARE . . .

- 1 Tax check-off—indicate the amount you wish to contribute on your North Carolina Individual Income Tax form.
- 2 License plate—purchase a nongame wildlife license plate at your local DMV office or on-line at http://www.ncdot.org/dmv/vehicle_services/licenseplates/specializedSearch.html.
- 3 Direct donation—remove the attached coupon and mail it along with a check or money order, made payable to the “Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund,” to the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, 1722 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1722.

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