

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME & INLAND FISHERIES

COMMERCIAL NUISANCE ANIMAL PERMIT INFORMATION MATERIALS

Information materials referenced in the Commercial Nuisance Animal Permit Conditions can be purchased (hardcopies and/or electronic copies) from the following sources, or viewed and downloaded free from personal computers or from public library computers with Internet access at the following Internet web addresses:

Vertebrate Pest Control: A Guide for Wildlife Managers in Virginia. 2001. Virginia Cooperative Extension Publication 456-232.

Hard copy: Virginia Cooperative Extension Distribution Center, 112 Landsdowne St., Blacksburg, VA 24060-5814.

Ordering information: <http://vtpv.ext.vt.edu/training-1/training-aides-available-through-vtpv/options-for-ordering-virginia-pesticide-applicator-training-manuals> Cost: \$19 each.

Electronic copy (CD): Unavailable

Downloadable PDF files (by chapter): Unavailable

Prevention and Control of Wildlife Damage. 1994. University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension.

Hard copy: Wildlife Damage Handbook, 202 Natural Resources Hall, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68583-0819. Contact: Diana Smith: Telephone 402-472-2188 or by e-mail: djsmith@unlinfo.unl.edu.

Cost: \$40.00 + \$5.00 shipping and handling (Currently unavailable).

Electronic copy (CD): Wildlife Damage Handbook, 202 Natural Resources Hall, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68583-0819. Contact: Tim McGill: Telephone 402-472-3023, e-mail: tmcgill@unl.edu Cost: \$10.00 + \$3.00 shipping. (Currently unavailable)

Downloadable PDF files (by chapter): <http://icwdm.org/handbook/index.asp>

Virginia Guidelines for Rabies Prevention and Control. 2006. Office of Epidemiology. Virginia Dept. of Health.

Hard copy: Unavailable

Electronic copy (CD): Unavailable

Downloadable PDF file:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/dee/rabies/documents/RabiesControlGuidelines/Rabies%20Guidelines%202006%20-%20External.pdf>

All questions contained in the Commercial Nuisance Animal Permit application test were developed from information contained in the above referenced documents. Consequently, all Commercial Nuisance Animal Permit applicants are expected to be familiar with the materials contained in all of the documents in order to successfully pass the permit application testing requirements. **Please note that some of the methods described in these publications may not be legal in Virginia or in certain localities.** It is the responsibility of the permittee to be familiar with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

The following Department staff member will be administering tests on knowledge of wildlife conflict management. Information on taking a test is available from directly from him. Please **DO NOT** contact the Permit Office to receive a copy of the test. Tests may only be requested via phone or e-mail from the individual listed below:

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COMMERCIAL NUISANCE ANIMAL PERMIT CONDITIONS

Under the authority of Virginia Code §29.1-103, §29.1-501, and Virginia Administrative Code 4 VAC 15-30-50 the Department administers a Commercial Nuisance Animal Permit for authorizing persons under permit conditions to capture, temporarily hold or possess, transport, release, and when necessary humanely euthanize **wildlife** that are causing damage to property, causing refuse problems, or posing a risk to human health or safety.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- 1) **WILDLIFE OWNERSHIP:** All wildlife captured, temporarily possessed, transported for dispatching, or released under the authority of this permit shall remain the property of the Commonwealth of Virginia and under the primary jurisdiction of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. **The Department does not have jurisdiction over companion animals, including feral cats and dogs. Contact your local animal control officer to resolve issues related to cats and dogs.**
- 2) **LIABILITY:** The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries recommends that the permittee maintain adequate liability insurance to cover all damages, losses, or claims arising from the activities authorized by the conditions of this permit. The permittee hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries for all damages, losses, or claims arising out of the activities authorized by the conditions of this permit. The permittee shall cooperate with the Commonwealth and the Department in defense of any claim hereunder, and the permittee shall pay all consequential and incidental expenses of the Commonwealth and the Department, including but not limited to reasonable attorney fees.
- 3) **FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS:** This permit does not absolve the permittee of any responsibilities or conditions of any other federal, state, or local laws and regulations, including those that apply to migratory species, threatened or endangered species, and companion animals.
- 4) **RABIES IMMUNIZATION, KNOWLEDGE, SKILL, AND PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS:**
 - a) **Rabies Immunization:** The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries recommends that all permittees who capture and handle bats, foxes, groundhogs, raccoons, or skunks receive a pre-exposure rabies vaccination series, and maintain an adequate rabies antibody titer as evidenced through biannual serologic testing.
 - b) **Knowledge, Skill, and Proficiency – New Applicants:** A new permit applicant must demonstrate knowledge, skill, and proficiency in wildlife conflict management by correctly answering at least 80% of questions on a Department approved proficiency test related to wildlife conflict management.
 - c) **Knowledge, Skill, and Proficiency – Renewal Applicants:** A permit renewal applicant must demonstrate continuing knowledge, skill, and proficiency in wildlife conflict management by:
 - i) correctly answering at least 80% of questions on a Department approved proficiency test related to wildlife conflict management, or
 - ii) providing evidence of 24-hours attendance in Department approved education seminars or training workshops related to wildlife conflict management acquired between the dates of permit issue and expiration, or
 - iii) providing evidence of certification as a wildlife conflict management professional by a professional wildlife management organization recognized by the Department.

5) PERMIT AUTHORITY AND DEFINITIONS:

- a) **Authorization:** The permittee is authorized, upon complaint of a landowner, lessee, or property owner or manager, to use the following techniques at any time upon the complainants property to manage all native or naturalized wildlife **NOT LISTED IN SECTION FIVE (5) PART (b)**, that are causing damage to property, causing refuse problems, or posing a risk to human health or safety:
- i) capture and remove wildlife from the interior of a building or dwelling for release upon the curtilage of such building or dwelling at the consent of the landowner or tenant (do not release rabies suspect animals, see Section 6 Part C),
 - ii) capture and temporarily possess injured, sick or orphaned wildlife for transport to an individual or organization possessing a category 2 or 3 wildlife rehabilitation permit issued by the Department,
 - iii) capture and temporarily possess and transport wildlife for dispatch, when necessary,
 - iv) capture for immediate dispatch, when necessary, or
 - v) immediate dispatch, when necessary.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) under state law (Virginia Code § 29.1-545), nutria may not be possessed or released, so only techniques iv and v may be used for this species. Disposal shall be in accordance with the terms of this permit.
- (2) under state law (Virginia Code § 29.1-530), squirrels creating a nuisance in areas where firearms cannot be lawfully discharged may be trapped and disposed of, except by sale. This includes release on other property, with permission of the landowner. Squirrels trapped in areas where the use of firearms is legal must only use techniques i through v. Disposal shall be in accordance with the terms of this permit.

b) **NON-AUTHORIZATION: THE PERMITTEE IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO CAPTURE, POSSESS, TRANSPORT OR KILL THE FOLLOWING SPECIES:**

- i) **COMPANION ANIMALS (DEFINED IN VIRGINIA CODE §3.2-6500), INCLUDING DOMESTIC DOGS AND CATS (BOTH OWNED AND FERAL)**
- ii) **STATE OR FEDERAL THREATENED OR ENDANGERED SPECIES LISTED IN APPENDIX I,**
- iii) **FEDERAL PROTECTED MIGRATORY BIRD SPECIES LISTED IN APPENDIX III.**
- iv) **BLACK BEAR,**
- v) **WHITE-TAILED DEER, AND**
- vi) **WILD TURKEY.**

c) **Definitions:**

- i) **temporarily possess** is defined as taking into possession live wildlife species for a period not to exceed 48 hours after removal from a capturing device.
- ii) **curtilage** is defined as the grounds and areas immediately adjacent to such building or dwelling and routinely used by the occupants.

6) WILDLIFE CONFLICT MANAGEMENT METHODS AND CONDITIONS:

- a) Methods: Wildlife control measures may include capturing, live trapping, kill trapping, shooting, or killing using legal capture, trapping, and shooting methods recommended in the Nebraska Cooperative Extension publication “*Prevention and Control of Wildlife Damage*”, or the Virginia Cooperative Extension publication 456-232 “*Vertebrate Pest Control: A Guide For Wildlife Managers in Virginia*.”

THIS PERMIT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE PERMITTEE TO USE PESTICIDES OR CHEMICAL REPELLENTS TO KILL OR REPEL ANY WILDLIFE SPECIES. CERTIFICATION AS A COMMERCIAL PESTICIDE APPLICATOR OR REGISTERED TECHNICIAN IS REQUIRED TO PERFORM THESE DUTIES. QUESTIONS REGARDING FEDERAL AND STATE PESTICIDE REGULATIONS AND APPLICATOR CERTIFICATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, OFFICE OF PESTICIDE SERVICES.

- b) Trap identification and check interval: Any trapping device used by the permittee to capture wildlife must have a nonferrous metal tag attached bearing the permittee's name and address or an identification number issued by the Department (Code of Virginia § 29.2-521 part A.7). It shall be unlawful to fail to visit all traps once each day and remove all animals caught, and immediately report to the landowner as to stock, dogs, or fowl which are caught and the date (Code of Virginia § 29.2-521 part A.9). However, conibear-style body-gripping traps that are **completely submerged** may be visited once every 72 hours.
- c) Human exposure to rabies vector species: The permittee must immediately notify the local health department and the local county or city animal control officer of any incidents involving possible human exposure to rabies. If the permittee or any other person or domestic animal receives a bite, scratch or has any other contact with a mammalian wildlife species where saliva or brain tissue entered an open, fresh wound or comes in contact with a mucous membrane by entering the eye, mouth, or nose of the exposed person or animal, the person is considered exposed. **For bats, exposure also includes being in the same room with a bat and not being able to positively rule out exposure (i.e. infant, small child, sleeping adult, unconscious adult, or senile adult).** The permittee shall provide local county or city animal control officers or the public health department personnel immediate access to any rabies suspect wildlife specimens captured or killed by the permittee under the authority of this permit, and shall adhere to all guidelines set forth in the Virginia Department of Health publication “*Virginia Guidelines for Rabies Prevention and Control*.”
- d) Wildlife confinement and transport: All wildlife temporarily possessed or transported pursuant to section five (5) part (a) must be securely confined to prevent injury or exposure to the public and other animal species, and shall be subject to inspection by any game warden or animal control warden. Confined wildlife must be adequately sheltered to prevent hypothermia or hyperthermia, and provided access to clean, fresh, potable water of a drinkable temperature which is provided in a suitable manner, in sufficient volume, and at suitable intervals (at least once every 12 hours) to maintain normal body tissue hydration. To minimize disease potential, cages that are used for transporting or holding raccoons may not be utilized for other species.

THIS PERMIT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE PERMITTEE TO TRANSPORT WILDLIFE INTO THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, AND WILDLIFE CAPTURED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THIS PERMIT MAY NOT BE TRANSPORTED OUT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

- e) Non-permitted wildlife capture: Any non-permitted wildlife incidentally captured shall be immediately released at the site of capture, and any non-permitted wildlife incidentally killed shall be reported to a Department of Game and Inland Fisheries game warden within 24-hours.

- 7) **WILDLIFE DISPOSAL:** The legal disposition of wildlife taken under the authority of these permit conditions, their carcasses, parts, products, or progeny thereof, shall be as follows:
- a) **Release:** Captured wildlife that are removed from the interior of a building or dwelling must be released, within 48-hours of capture, upon the curtilage of such building or dwelling.
 - b) **Dispatch:** Captured wildlife that are not released as specified in section seven (7) part (a) above or transported for rehabilitation as specified in section seven (7) part (c) below, must be respectfully dispatched, within 48-hours if captured alive and temporarily possessed, by using a method of euthanasia outlined in Appendix A of the Virginia Cooperative Extension publication 456-232 "*Vertebrate Pest Control: A Guide For Wildlife Managers in Virginia*. **Respectfully dispatched is defined as humanely putting the animal to death without public spectacle. Permittees are not authorized to euthanize domestic companion animals, which include feral cats and dogs.**
 - c) **Rehabilitation:** Captured wildlife that are injured, sick or orphaned may be delivered by the permittee, within 48 hours of capture, to an individual or organization possessing a category 2 or 3 wildlife rehabilitation permit issued by the Department.
 - d) **Fur, pelt, and carcass salvage:** The furs, pelts, or any parts of any wildlife taken under this permit may not be bought, sold, traded or exchanged, nor reduced to personal possession, except furbearing species taken by legal hunting and trapping methods by licensed hunters or trappers during the legal hunting or trapping season, respectively.
 - e) **Carcass disposal:** The carcasses of wildlife that are taken outside of the legal furbearer hunting or trapping season, as well as the carcasses of furbearers not salvaged by licensed hunters or trappers during the legal furbearer hunting or trapping season, must be disposed of in accordance with state and local laws (burial, incineration, etc.).
- 8) Permit possession, record keeping, annual reports, and permit renewal, suspension, and revocation:
- a) **Permit in possession:** The Commercial Nuisance Animal permit shall be in the possession of the permittee while engaging in activities authorized under the conditions of the permit, and shall be made available for inspection by law enforcement officers when requested.
 - b) **Record keeping:** The permittee shall maintain records of all activities relating to wildlife conflict management performed under the authority of the permit, including: the complainant's name, address and telephone number; the dates, times, and location (county or city, distance and direction from nearest road intersection or other landmark) of service; the species of wildlife and the damage or safety issue of concern; the number and species of animals captured, and the disposition of the animals. Such records shall be retained for three years, and shall be open to inspection by a representative of the Department during normal business hours.
 - c) **Annual reports:** The permittee will submit by January 10 of each year, on paper or electronic forms provided by the Department, a report of all activities relating to wildlife conflict management performed under the authority of the permit. **Failure to submit the Annual Report will result in the immediate cancellation, revocation or suspension of the permit.**
 - d) **Renewals:** It is the responsibility of the permittee to initiate any renewal of the permit by submitting to the Department, at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the permit, a completed renewal application with documentation of continuing knowledge, skill, and proficiency in wildlife conflict management as indicated in section four (4) part (c).

- e) Renewal extension: Under regulation 4 VAC 15-30-7, if issuance of a permit renewal has been delayed past the expiration date of the permittee's previous permit at no fault of the applicant, the permittee may continue the specific activities authorized by the expired permit until the Department has acted on such person's application for renewal. To qualify for this allowance, applicants must submit a completed renewal application to the Department at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the permit. The Department may deny renewal of a permit to any applicant who fails to meet the issuance criteria set forth in the Commercial Nuisance Animal Permit and Conditions.
 - f) Change of Address: The permittee must notify the VDGIF Permitting Section within no more than thirty (30) days of any change of name, address, or phone number.
 - g) Cancellation and Suspension: This permit may be canceled or suspended at any time when the Department determines that the permittee is not in compliance with its terms and conditions.
 - h) Revocation review: The cancellation, suspension, or revocation of the permit will be subject to review as provided by law.
- 9) **CODE OF ETHICS**: The permittee shall abide by the Commercial Nuisance Animal permittee code of ethics:

CODE OF ETHICS

- 1) The Commercial Nuisance Animal permittee must abide by all local, state, and federal laws and regulations pertaining to wildlife conflict management.
- 2) The Commercial Nuisance Animal permittee should ascribe to a professional code of conduct that embodies the traits of honesty, sincerity, and dedication.
- 3) The Commercial Nuisance Animal permittee should show exceptionally high levels of concern and respect for people, property, and wildlife.
- 4) The Commercial Nuisance Animal permittee should promote the understanding of, and appreciation for, the numerous values of wildlife and biological diversity, as well as an appreciation for the economic and health concerns of humans adversely affected by wildlife activity.
- 5) The Commercial Nuisance Animal permittee should be sensitive to various viewpoints on wildlife conflict management.
- 6) The Commercial Nuisance Animal permittee should provide expertise on managing wildlife conflict to all people upon request, and should provide information from organizations and agencies that provide expertise on preventing and alleviating conflicts with wildlife.
- 7) The Commercial Nuisance Animal permittee should promote competence and present an image worthy of the profession by supporting high standards of education, employment, and performance.
- 8) The Commercial Nuisance Animal permittee should strive to broaden their knowledge, skills, and abilities to advance the practice of wildlife conflict management.
- 9) The Commercial Nuisance Animal permittee should require good-faith efforts of clients, co-workers, and themselves in resolving wildlife conflicts with the most humane, selective, practical, and effective management techniques available.
- 10) The Commercial Nuisance Animal permittee should encourage, through word and through deed, all wildlife conflict control professionals to adhere to this code.



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APPENDIX 1:

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	STATUS ¹	
		FEDERAL	STATE
<u>AMPHIBIANS</u>			
	<u>Frogs</u>		
Barking treefrog	<i>Hyla gratiosa</i>		ST
	<u>Salamanders</u>		
Eastern tiger salamander	<i>Ambystoma tigrinum</i>		SE
Mabee's salamander	<i>Ambystoma mabeei</i>		ST
Shenandoah salamander	<i>Plethodon shenandoah</i>	FE	SE
<u>REPTILES</u>			
	<u>Lizards</u>		
Eastern glass lizard	<i>Ophisaurus ventralis</i>		ST
	<u>Snakes</u>		
Canebrake rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus horridus (southeastern population)</i>		SE
	<u>Turtles</u>		
Bog (= Muhlenberg) turtle	<i>Clemmys muhlenbergii</i>	FT(S/A)	SE
Chicken turtle	<i>Deirochelys reticularia</i>		SE
Green sea turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	FT	ST
Hawksbill (= carey) sea turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	FE	SE
Kemp's (= Atlantic) Ridley sea turtle	<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	FE	SE
Leatherback sea turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	FE	SE
Loggerhead sea turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	FT	ST
Wood turtle	<i>Clemmys insculpta</i>		ST
<u>BIRDS</u>			
Bachman's sparrow	<i>Aimophila aestivalis</i>	SOC	ST
Bachman's warbler (wood)	<i>Vermivora bachmanii</i>	FE	SE
Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	*FT	ST
Bewick's wren	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>	SOC	SE
Gull-billed tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>		ST
Henslow's sparrow	<i>Ammodramus henslowii</i>	SOC	ST
Kirtland's warbler (wood)	<i>Dendroica kirtlandii</i>	FE	SE
Loggerhead shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>		ST
Peregrine falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		ST
Piping plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	FT	ST
Red-cockaded woodpecker	<i>Picoides (= Dendrocoptes) borealis</i>	FE	SE

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		<u>FEDERAL</u>	<u>STATE</u>
<u>BIRDS (cont.)</u>			
Roseate tern	<i>Sterna dougallii dougallii</i>	FE	SE
Upland sandpiper	<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>		ST
Wilson's plover	<i>Charadrius wilsonia</i>		SE
<u>MAMMALS</u>			
Delmarva Peninsula fox squirrel	<i>Sciurus niger cinereus</i>	FE	SE
Dismal Swamp southeastern shrew	<i>Sorex longirostris fisheri</i>		ST
Eastern big-eared bat	<i>Plecotus rafinesquii macrotis</i>		SE
Eastern puma (= cougar)	<i>Puma (= Felis) concolor cougar</i>	FE	SE
Gray bat	<i>Myotis grisescens</i>	FE	SE
Gray wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>	FE	SE
Indiana bat	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	FE	SE
Rock vole	<i>Microtus chrotorrhinus</i>	SOC	SE
Snowshoe hare	<i>Lepus americanus</i>		SE
	<i>Corynorhinus (= Plecotus) townsendii</i>	FE	
Virginia big-eared bat	<i>virginianus</i>		SE
Virginia northern flying squirrel	<i>Glaucomys sabrinus fuscus</i>	FE	SE
Water shrew	<i>Sorex palustris</i>	SOC	SE
<u>MARINE MAMMALS</u>			
West Indian manatee	<i>Trichechus manatus</i>	FE	SE

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SPECIAL CONCERN SPECIES

COMMON NAME	<u>SCIENTIFIC NAME</u>	STATUS ¹	
		<u>FEDERAL</u>	<u>STATE</u>
<u>AMPHIBIANS</u>			
<u>Frogs</u>			
Carpenter frog	<i>Rana virgatipes</i>		SSC
Oak toad	<i>Bufo quercicus</i>		SSC
<u>Salamanders</u>			
Cow Knob salamander	<i>Plethodon punctatus</i>	SOC	SSC
Eastern hellbender	<i>Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis</i>	SOC	SSC
Mole salamander	<i>Ambystoma talpoideum</i>		SSC
Peaks of Otter salamander	<i>Plethodon hubrichti</i>	SOC	SSC
Pigmy salamander	<i>Desmognathus wrighti</i>		SSC
Shovel-nosed salamander	<i>Desmognathus marmoratus</i>		SSC
Weller's salamander	<i>Plethodon welleri</i>	SOC	SSC
<u>REPTILES</u>			
<u>Snakes</u>			
Mountain earthsnake	<i>Virginia valeriae pulchra</i>		SSC
Northern pinesnake	<i>Pituophis melanoleucus melanoleucus</i>	SOC	
<u>Turtles</u>			
Northern diamond-backed terrapin	<i>Malaclemys terrapin terrapin</i>	SOC	
<u>BIRDS</u>			
Alder flycatcher	<i>Empidonax alnorum</i>		SSC
Barn owl	<i>Tyto alba pratincola</i>		SSC
Black rail	<i>Laterallus jamaicensis</i>	SOC	
Brown creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>		SSC
Brown pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis carolinensis</i>		SSC
Caspian tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>		SSC
Cerulean warbler	<i>Dendroica cerulea</i>	SOC	
Common moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus cachinnans</i>		SSC
Dickcissel	<i>Spiza americana</i>		SSC
Forster's tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i>		SSC
Glossy ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		SSC
Golden-crowned kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>		SSC
Golden-winged warbler	<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>		SSC
Great egret	<i>Ardea alba egretta</i>		SSC
Hermit thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>		SSC
Least tern	<i>Sterna antillarum</i>		SSC

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		<u>FEDERAL</u>	<u>STATE</u>
<u>BIRDS (cont.)</u>			
Little blue heron	<i>Egretta caerulea caerulea</i>		SSC
Long-eared owl	<i>Asio otus</i>		SSC
Magnolia warbler	<i>Dendroica magnolia</i>		SSC
Migrant loggerhead shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus migrans</i>	SOC	
Mourning warbler	<i>Oporornis philadelphia</i>		SSC
Northern goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	SOC	
Northern harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>		SSC
Northern saw-whet owl	<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>		SSC
Purple finch	<i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>		SSC
Red crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>		SSC
Red-breasted nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>		SSC
Saltmarsh sharp-tailed sparrow	<i>Ammodramus caudacutus</i>		SSC
Sandwich tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis acufavidus</i>		SSC
Sedge wren	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>		SSC
Swainson's warbler	<i>Limnithlypis swainsonii</i>		SSC
Tricolored heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>		SSC
Winter wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		SSC
Yellow-bellied flycatcher	<i>Empidonax flaviventris</i>		SSC
Yellow-crowned night-heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea violacea</i>		SSC
<u>MAMMALS</u>			
Appalachian cottontail	<i>Sylvilagus obscurus</i>	SOC	
Allegheny woodrat	<i>Neotoma magister</i>	SOC	
Eastern small-footed myotis	<i>Myotis leibii</i>	SOC	
Marsh rabbit	<i>Sylvilagus palustris palustris</i>		SSC
Northern river otter	<i>Lontra canadensis lataxina</i>		SSC
Rafinesque's big-eared bat	<i>Plecotus rafinesquii</i>	SOC	
Smith's Island cottontail	<i>Sylvilagus floridanus hitchensi</i>	SOC	
Star-nosed mole	<i>Condylura cristata parva</i>		SSC

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APPENDIX III:

Native Migratory Birds of Virginia

<u>COMMON NAME</u>	<u>SCIENTIFIC NAME</u>	<u>STATUS¹</u>
Acadian flycatcher	Empidonax virescens	
Alder flycatcher	Empidonax alnorum	SSC
American avocet	Recurvirostra americana	
American bittern	Botaurus lentiginosus	
American black duck	Anas rubripes	
American coot	Fulica americana	
American crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos	
American golden-plover	Pluvialis dominica	
American goldfinch	Carduelis tristis	
American kestrel	Falco sparverius sparverius	
American oystercatcher	Haematopus palliatus	
American pipit	Anthus rubescens	
American redstart	Setophaga ruticilla	
American robin	Turdus migratorius	
American tree sparrow	Spizella arborea	
American white pelican	Pelecanus erythrorhynchos	
American wigeon	Anas americana	
American woodcock	Scolopax minor	
Anhinga	Anhinga anhinga	
Appalachian Bewick's wren	Thryomanes bewickii altus	
Arctic peregrine falcon	Falco peregrinus tundrius	
Arctic tern	Sterna paradisaea	
Audubon's shearwater	Puffinus lherminieri	
Bachman's sparrow	Aimophila aestivalis	SOC/ST
Bachman's warbler (wood)	Vermivora bachmanii	FE/SE
Baird's sandpiper	Calidris bairdii	
Bald eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	FT/ST
Baltimore oriole	Icterus galbula	
Bank swallow	Riparia riparia	
Barn owl	Tyto alba pratincola	SSC
Barn swallow	Hirundo rustica	
Barred owl	Strix varia	
Bay-breasted warbler	Dendroica castanea	
Belted kingfisher	Ceryle alcyon	
Bewick's wren	Thryomanes bewickii	SOC/SE
Bicknell's thrush	Catharus bicknelli	
Black-and-white warbler	Mniotilta varia	
Black-bellied plover	Pluvialis squatarola	
Black-billed cuckoo	Coccyzus erythrophthalmus	
Black-capped chickadee	Poecile atricapillus	
Black-crowned night-heron	Nycticorax nycticorax hoactii	
Black-headed grosbeak	Pheucticus melanocephalus	
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	
Black-legged kittiwake	Rissa tridactyla	
Black-necked stilt	Himantopus mexicanus	

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Black rail	<i>Laterallus jamaicensis</i>	SOC
Black scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra americana</i>	
Black skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>	
Black tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	
Black-throated blue warbler	<i>Dendroica caerulescens</i>	
Black-throated green warbler	<i>Dendroica virens</i>	
Black vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	
Blackburnian warbler	<i>Dendroica fusca</i>	
Blackpoll warbler	<i>Dendroica striata</i>	
Blue-gray gnatcatcher	<i>Poliophtila caerulea</i>	
Blue grosbeak	<i>Guiraca caerulea</i>	
Blue-headed vireo	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	
Blue jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	
Blue-winged teal	<i>Anas discors orphna</i>	
Blue-winged warbler	<i>Vermivora pinus</i>	
Boat-tailed grackle	<i>Quiscalus major</i>	
Bobolink	<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	
Bonaparte's gull	<i>Larus philadelphia</i>	
Brant	<i>Branta bernicla</i>	
Brewer's blackbird	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	
Bridled tern	<i>Sterna anaethetus</i>	
Broad-winged hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	
Brown creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>	SSC
Brown-headed cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	
Brown-headed nuthatch	<i>Sitta pusilla</i>	
Brown pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis carolinensis</i>	SSC
Brown thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	
Buff-breasted sandpiper	<i>Tryngites subruficollis</i>	
Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	
Canada goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	
Canada warbler	<i>Wilsonia canadensis</i>	
Canvasback	<i>Aythya valisineria</i>	
Cape May warbler	<i>Dendroica tigrina</i>	
Carolina chickadee	<i>Poecile carolinensis</i>	
Carolina wren	<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	
Caspian tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>	SSC
Cattle egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	
Cedar waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	
Cerulean warbler	<i>Dendroica cerulea</i>	SOC
Chestnut-sided warbler	<i>Dendroica pensylvanica</i>	
Chimney swift	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	
Chipping sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	
Chuck-will's-widow	<i>Caprimulgus carolinensis</i>	
Clapper rail	<i>Rallus longirostris</i>	
Clay-colored sparrow	<i>Spizella pallida</i>	
Cliff swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota pyrrhonota</i>	
Common eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	

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Common goldeneye	Bucephala clangula americana	
Common grackle	Quiscalus quiscula	
Common loon	Gavia immer	
Common merganser	Mergus merganser americanus	
Common moorhen	Gallinula chloropus cachinnans	SSC
Common nighthawk	Chordeiles minor	
Common raven	Corvus corax	
Common redpoll	Carduelis flammea	
Common snipe	Gallinago gallinago	
Common tern	Sterna hirundo	
Common yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas brachidactylus	
Connecticut warbler	Oporornis agilis	
Cooper's hawk	Accipiter cooperii	
Cory's shearwater	Calonectris diomedea borealis	
Curlew sandpiper	Calidris ferruginea	
Dark-eyed junco	Junco hyemalis	
Dickcissel	Spiza americana	SSC
Double-crested cormorant	Phalacrocorax auritus floridanus	
Downy woodpecker	Picoides pubescens medianus	
Dunlin	Calidris alpina hudsonia	
Eared grebe	Podiceps nigricollis	
Eastern bluebird	Sialia sialis	
Eastern kingbird	Tyrannus tyrannus	
Eastern meadowlark	Sturnella magna	
Eastern phoebe	Sayornis phoebe	
Eastern screech-owl	Otus asio	
Eastern towhee	Pipilo erythrophthalmus	
Eastern wood pewee	Contopus virens	
Eurasian wigeon	Anas penelope	
Evening grosbeak	Coccothausates vespertinus	
Field sparrow	Spizella pusilla	
Fish crow	Corvus ossifragus	
Forster's tern	Sterna forsteri	SSC
Fox sparrow	Passerella iliaca	
Fulvous whistling duck	Dendrocygna bicolor	
Gadwall	Anas strepera	
Glaucous gull	Larus hyperboreus	
Glossy ibis	Plegadis falcinellus	SSC
Golden-crowned kinglet	Regulus satrapa	SSC
Golden eagle	Aquila chrysaetos	
Golden-winged warbler	Vermivora chrysoptera	SSC
Grasshopper sparrow	Ammodramus savannarum pratensis	
Gray catbird	Dumetella carolinensis	
Gray-cheeked thrush	Catharus minimus	
Great black-backed gull	Larus marinus	
Great blue heron	Ardea herodias herodias	
Great cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	

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Great crested flycatcher	Myiarchus crinitus	
Great egret	Ardea alba egretta	SSC
Great horned owl	Bubo virginianus	
Great skua	Catharacta skua	
Greater scaup	Aythya marila	
Greater shearwater	Puffinus gravis	
Greater white-fronted goose	Anser albifrons flavirostris	
Greater yellowlegs	Tringa melanoleuca	
Green heron	Butorides virescens	
Green-winged teal	Anas crecca carolinensis	
Gull-billed tern	Sterna nilotica	ST
Hairy woodpecker	Picoides villosus	
Harlequin duck	Histrionicus histrionicus	
Harris' sparrow	Zonotrichia querula	
Henslow's sparrow	Ammodramus henslowii	SOC/ST
Hermit thrush	Catharus guttatus	SSC
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	
Hooded merganser	Lophodytes cucullatus	
Hooded warbler	Wilsonia citrina	
Horned grebe	Podiceps auritus	
Horned lark	Eremophila alpestris	
House finch	Carpodacus mexicanus	
House wren	Troglodytes aedon	
Hudsonian godwit	Limosa haemastica	
Iceland gull	Larus glaucoides	
Indigo bunting	Passerina cyanea	
Kentucky warbler	Oporornis formosus	
Killdeer	Charadrius vociferus	
King eider	Somateria spectabilis	
King rail	Rallus elegans	
Kirtland's warbler (wood)	Dendroica kirtlandii	FE/SE
Lark sparrow	Chondestes grammacus	
Laughing gull	Larus atricilla	
Least bittern	Ixobrychus exilis exilis	
Least flycatcher	Empidonax minimus	
Least sandpiper	Calidris minutilla	
Least tern	Sterna antillarum	SSC
LeConte's sparrow	Ammodramus leconteii	
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	
Lesser scaup	Aythya affinis	
Lesser yellowlegs	Tringa flavipes	
Lincoln's sparrow	Melospiza lincolnii	
Little blue heron	Egretta caerulea caerulea	SSC
Little gull	Larus minutus	
Loggerhead shrike	Lanius ludovicianus	ST
Long-billed curlew	Numenius americanus	
Long-billed dowitcher	Limnodromus scolopaceus	

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Long-eared owl	Asio otus	SSC
Louisiana waterthrush	Seiurus motacilla	
Magnolia warbler	Dendroica magnolia	SSC
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	
Manx shearwater	Puffinus puffinus puffinus	
Marbled godwit	Limosa fedoa	
Marsh wren	Cistothorus palustris	
Merlin	Falco columbarius	
Migrant loggerhead shrike	Lanius ludovicianus migrans	SOC
Mississippi kite	Ictinia mississippiensis	
Mourning dove	Zenaida macroura carolinensis	
Mourning warbler	Oporornis philadelphia	SSC
Nashville warbler	Vermivora ruficapilla	
Northern cardinal	Cardinalis cardinalis	
Northern flicker	Colaptes auratus	
Northern fulmar	Fulmarus glacialis	
Northern gannet	Morus bassanus	
Northern goshawk	Accipiter gentilis	SOC
Northern harrier	Circus cyaneus	SSC
Northern mockingbird	Mimus polyglottos	
Northern parula	Parula americana	
Northern pintail	Anas acuta acuta	
Northern rough-winged swallow	Stelgidopteryx serripennis	
Northern saw-whet owl	Aegolius acadicus	SSC
Northern shoveler	Anas clypeata	
Northern shrike	Lanius excubitor	
Northern waterthrush	Seiurus noveboracensis	
Oldsquaw	Clangula hyemalis	
Olive-sided flycatcher	Contopus cooperi	
Orange-crowned warbler	Vermivora celata	
Orchard oriole	Icterus spurius	
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus carolinensis	
Ovenbird	Seiurus aurocapillus	
Painted bunting	Passerina ciris ciris	
Palm warbler	Dendroica palmarum	
Parasitic jaeger	Stercorarius parasiticus	
Pectoral sandpiper	Calidris melanotos	
Peregrine falcon	Falco peregrinus	ST
Pied-billed grebe	Podilymbus podiceps	
Pileated woodpecker	Dryocopus pileatus	
Pine grosbeak	Pinicola enucleator	
Pine siskin	Carduelis pinus	
Pine warbler	Dendroica pinus	
Piping plover	Charadrius melodus	FT/ST
Pomarine jaeger	Stercorarius pomarinus	
Prairie warbler	Dendroica discolor	
Prothonotary warbler	Protonotaria citrea	

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Purple finch	Carpodacus purpureus	SSC
Purple gallinule	Porphyryla martinica	
Purple martin	Progne subis	
Purple sandpiper	Calidris maritima	
Razorbill	Alca torda	
Red-bellied woodpecker	Melanerpes carolinus	
Red-breasted merganser	Mergus serrator serrator	
Red-breasted nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	SSC
Red-cockaded woodpecker	Picoides (= Dendrocopos) borealis	FE/SE
Red crossbill	Loxia curvirostra	SSC
Red-eyed vireo	Vireo olivaceus	
Red-headed woodpecker	Melanerpes erythrocephalus	
Red knot	Calidris canutus rufus	
Red-necked grebe	Podiceps grisegena	
Red-necked phalarope	Phalaropus lobatus	
Red phalarope	Phalaropus fulicaria	
Red-shouldered hawk	Buteo lineatus lineatus	
Red-tailed hawk	Buteo jamaicensis	
Red-throated loon	Gavia stellata	
Red-winged blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	
Redhead	Aythya americana	
Ring-billed gull	Larus delawarensis	
Ring-necked duck	Aythya collaris	
Rose-breasted grosbeak	Pheucticus ludovicianus	
Roseate tern	Sterna dougallii dougallii	FE/SE
Rough-legged hawk	Buteo lagopus johannis	
Royal tern	Sterna maxima maximus	
Ruby-crowned kinglet	Regulus calendula	
Ruby-throated hummingbird	Archilochus colubris	
Ruddy duck	Oxyura jamaicensis	
Ruddy turnstone	Arenaria interpres morinella	
Ruff	Philomachus pugnax	
Ruffed grouse	Bonasa umbellus	
Rufous hummingbird	Selasphorus rufus	
Rusty blackbird	Euphagus carolinus	
Saltmarsh sharp-tailed sparrow	Ammodramus caudacutus	SSC
Sanderling	Calidris alba	
Sandhill crane	Grus canadensis	
Sandwich tern	Sterna sandvicensis acuflavidus	SSC
Savannah sparrow	Passerculus sandwichensis	
Scarlet tanager	Piranga olivacea	
Scissor-tailed flycatcher	Tyrannus forficatus	
Seaside sparrow	Ammodramus maritimus	
Sedge wren	Cistothorus platensis	SSC
Semipalmated plover	Charadrius semipalmatus	
Semipalmated sandpiper	Calidris pusilla	
Sharp-shinned hawk	Accipiter striatus velox	

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Short-billed dowitcher	Limnodromus griseus	
Short-eared owl	Asio flammeus	
Snow bunting	Plectrophenax nivalis nivalis	
Snow goose	Chen caerulescens	
Snowy egret	Egretta thula	
Snowy owl	Nyctea scandiaca	
Solitary sandpiper	Tringa solitaria	
Song sparrow	Melospiza melodia	
Sooty shearwater	Puffinus griseus	
Sooty tern	Sterna fuscata	
Sora	Porzana carolina	
Spotted sandpiper	Actitis macularia	
Stilt sandpiper	Calidris himantopus	
Summer tanager	Piranga rubra	
Surf scoter	Melanitta perspicillata	
Swainson's thrush	Catharus ustulatus	
Swainson's warbler	Limnithlypis swainsonii	SSC
Swallow-tailed kite	Elanoides forficatus	
Swamp sparrow	Melospiza georgiana	
Tennessee warbler	Vermivora peregrina	
Thick-billed murre	Uria lomvia	
Tree swallow	Tachycineta bicolor	
Tricolored heron	Egretta tricolor	SSC
Tufted titmouse	Baeolophus bicolor	
Tundra swan	Cygnus columbianus columbianus	
Turkey vulture	Cathartes aura	
Upland sandpiper	Batramia longicauda	ST
Varied thrush	Ixoreus naevius	
Veery	Catharus fuscescens	
Vesper sparrow	Poocetes gramineus	
Virginia rail	Rallus limicola	
Warbling vireo	Vireo gilvus gilvus	
Western grebe	Aechmophorus occidentalis	
Western kingbird	Tyrannus verticalis	
Western sandpiper	Calidris mauri	
Western tanager	Piranga ludoviciana	
Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus	
Whip-poor-will	Caprimulgus vociferus	
White-breasted nuthatch	Sitta carolinensis	
White-crowned sparrow	Zonotrichia leucophrys	
White-eyed vireo	Vireo griseus	
White ibis	Eudocimus albus	
White-rumped sandpiper	Calidris fuscicollis	
White-throated sparrow	Zonotrichia albicollis	
White-winged crossbill	Loxia leucoptera	
White-winged scoter	Melanitta fusca deglandi	
Willet	Catoptrophorus semipalmatus semipalmatus	

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Willow flycatcher	Empidonax traillii	
Wilson's phalarope	Phalaropus tricolor	
Wilson's plover	Charadrius wilsonia	SE
Wilson's storm-petrel	Oceanites oceanicus	
Wilson's warbler	Wilsonia pusilla	
Winter wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	SSC
Wood duck	Aix sponsa	
Wood stork	Mycteria americana	
Wood thrush	Hylocichla mustelina	
Worm-eating warbler	Helmitheros vermivorus	
Yellow-bellied flycatcher	Empidonax flaviventris	SSC
Yellow-bellied sapsucker	Sphyrapicus varius	
Yellow-billed cuckoo	Coccyzus americanus	
Yellow-breasted chat	Icteria virens virens	
Yellow-crowned night-heron	Nyctanassa violacea violacea	SSC
Yellow-headed blackbird	Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus	
Yellow rail	Coturnicops noveboracensis	
Yellow-rumped warbler	Dendroica coronata coronata	
Yellow-throated vireo	Vireo flavifrons	
Yellow-throated warbler	Dendroica dominica	
Yellow warbler	Dendroica petechia	

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