

## Guidelines for how long an animal survey for State-listed species in Virginia is valid

If a survey, however old, has a positive species occurrence, further coordination with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will be required. This list provides a general guideline for how long a negative survey (a survey where no listed species was found) remains valid. These timeframes provide general recommendations; site-specific circumstances may require that these general guidelines be modified. For Federally-listed species, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife also must be contacted.

<u>Taxon/Species</u>	<u># of years a negative survey is valid</u>
<u>Mammals</u>	
All listed bats	3
Other listed mammals	2
<u>Birds</u>	
Gull-billed tern ( <i>Sterna nilotica</i> )	1
Peregrine falcon ( <i>Falco peregrinus</i> )	1
Wilson's plover ( <i>Charadrius wilsonia</i> )	1
Bald eagle ( <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> )	1
Other listed birds	2
<u>Fish</u>	
All listed fish	2
<u>Amphibians</u>	
All listed amphibians	2
<u>Reptiles</u>	
All listed reptiles	2
<u>All listed isopods and amphipods</u>	3
<u>All listed mollusks</u>	2
<u>All other listed invertebrates</u>	2

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