

Online Information on Virginia's Natural Communities, Rare, Threatened & Endangered Animals and Plants

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Natural Heritage Resource Lists (PDF format) -

VANHP tracks information on over 1600 rare plants, animals and exemplary natural communities in Virginia. [Get information](#) about these resource lists and/or you can view/download the lists below as Adobe Acrobat files (PDF) and animal documents contain synonymy, list format and taxonomic reference information for all species monitored in the Natural Heritage program.

You'll need the free [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) to view or print these files.

[Rare Animals](#) - last updated **3/03**

[Rare Plants](#) - last updated **3/04**

[The Natural Communities of Virginia](#) - last updated **1/01**

Hardcopies of these lists are also available by contacting:

Virginia Dept. of Conservation & Recreation
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We Need Your Help! - If you have information which you believe would add to our knowledge of a specific species, please [submit a rare species reporting form](#).

Search Our Database - Run on-line queries to find information on Virginia's 1600+ natural heritage resource search for information on individual or groups of resources, by scientific or common name, taxonomic group, federal legal status, global or state rarity rank. Plus, you can produce on-line lists of resources grouped and sorted by the geographic references listed below.

All searches return HTML formatted lists including the scientific/common names, taxonomic group, [global](#) and [state](#)

rarity ranks, federal legal status under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, and Virginia state legal status.

Additionally, scientific names are hotlinked to [NatureServe Explorer](#) to provide more detailed species information.

NatureServe Explorer is a product of [NatureServe](#), in collaboration with the Natural Heritage Network. A source for conservation information on more than 50,000 plants, animals, and ecological communities of the United States and Canada, NatureServe provides in-depth information on rare and endangered species, as well as common plants and animals.

Species/Natural Community Query - Output also includes total number of known occurrences statewide.

County Query - If no county, or more than one county checked results will be sorted and grouped by county. Output includes last known observed date in the county.

Physiographic province Query - If no province, or more than one is checked the results will be sorted and grouped by province.

Watershed Query - (USGS 8 digit watershed) If no watershed, or more than one is checked the results will be sorted and grouped by watershed.

Subwatershed Query - (14 digit watershed) If no watershed, or more than one is checked the results will be sorted and grouped by watershed.

Note: On-line queries provide basic information from DCR's databases at the time of the request. They are not to be substituted for a project review or for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments of specific areas.

Submit an Information Request - More detailed information about the locations of Virginia's natural heritage resources is available by submitting [an information request](#).

State Distribution Maps - View online distribution maps of rare plants, animals and exemplary natural communities.

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