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## Sheepnose Mussel (*Plethobasus cyphus*)

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**Listing Status:** **Endangered**

Where Listed: **WHEREVER FOUND**



### General Information

Shell surface: Many low, wide bumps run in a single file line down the outer shell surface, from the beak (the swelling above the point where the 2 shell halves join) to the opposite shell edge. The rest of the shell surface is smooth (without bumps), and looks slightly pressed-in from the beak to the shell edge (similar to the pressed-in mark the length of your finger would make on wet clay), parallel to the row of bumps. Young mussels may have 2 raised ridges (one on either side of the pressed-in mark).

The species historical range included Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin. See below for information about where the species is known or believed to occur.

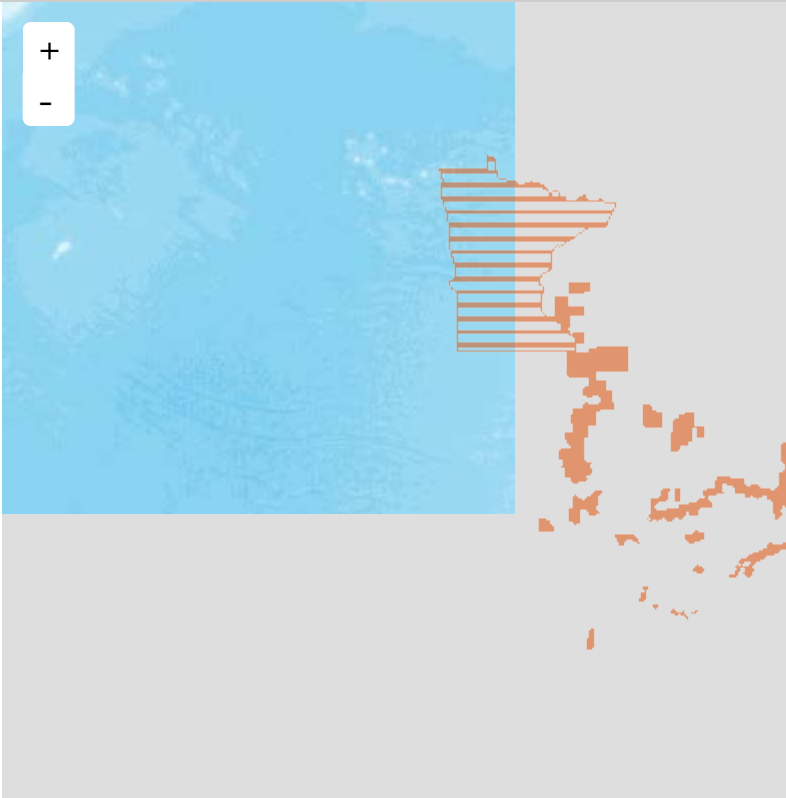
### Current Listing Status Summary

Status	Date Listed	Lead Region	Where Listed
<b>Endangered</b>	04/12/2012	<a href="#">Great Lakes-Big Rivers Region (Region 3)</a>	Wherever found

## » Range Information

**Current Range**  
*Wherever found*

Zoom in! Some species' locations may be small and hard to see from a wide perspective. To narrow-in on locations, check the state and county lists (below) and then use the zoom tool.



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Listing status: **Endangered**

- States/US Territories in which this population is known to or is believed to occur: Alabama , Illinois , Indiana , Iowa , Kentucky , Minnesota , Mississippi , Missouri , Ohio , Pennsylvania , Tennessee , Virginia , West Virginia , Wisconsin
- US Counties in which this population is known to or is believed to occur: [View All](#)
- USFWS Refuges in which this population is known to occur: Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge, Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

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Date	Citation Page	Title
04/17/2017	82 FR 18156 18158	<a href="#">Initiation of 5-Year Status Reviews of Eight Endangered</a>
03/13/2012	77 FR 14914 14949	<a href="#">Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Deterr Spectaclecase Mussels Throughout Their Range: Final I</a>

09/27/2011	76 FR 59836 59862	<a href="#">Partial 90-Day Finding on a Petition To List 404 Species Threatened With Critical Habitat</a>
01/19/2011	76 FR 3392 3420	<a href="#">Endangered Status for the Sheepnose and Spectacleca:</a>
11/10/2010	75 FR 69222 69294	<a href="#">Review of Native Species That Are Candidates for Listin on Resubmitted Petitions; Annual Description of Progres</a>
11/09/2009	74 FR 57804 57878	<a href="#">Review of Native Species That Are Candidates for Listin on Resubmitted Petitions; Annual Description of Progres</a>
12/10/2008	73 FR 75176 75244	<a href="#">Review of Native Species That Are Candidates for Listin on Resubmitted Petitions; Annual Description of Progres</a>
12/06/2007	72 FR 69034 69106	<a href="#">Review of Native Species That Are Candidates for Listin on Resubmitted Petitions; Annual Description of Progres</a>
09/12/2006	71 FR 53756 53835	<a href="#">Review of Native Species That Are Candidates or Propo of Findings on Resubmitted Petitions; Annual Descriptio</a>

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## » Critical Habitat

No critical habitat rules have been published for the Sheepnose Mussel.

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<b>Petition Title</b>	<b>Date Received by the FWS</b>	<b>Where the species is believed to or known to occur</b>	<b>Petitioner Name</b>	<b>Requested Action</b>
404 Southeast aquatic species; list w/CH	04/20/2010	AL, AR, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, Puerto Rico, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, Virgin Islands, VT, WI, WV, Canada, Mexico, United States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alabama Rivers Alliance</li> <li>• Center for Biological Diversity</li> <li>• Clinch Coalition</li> <li>• Dogwood Alliance</li> <li>• Gulf Restoration Network</li> <li>• Tennessee Forests Council</li> <li>• West Virginia Highlands Conservancy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listing: Threater or Endange</li> <li>• APA: Designa Critical Habitat</li> </ul>

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