

You Can Help

How You Can Help...

Show your support for wildlife in Ohio by donating to the Division of Wildlife's State Income Tax Check-off (on your annual state income tax form) or purchasing either a cardinal or bald eagle vehicle license plate (call the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles at 1-888-PLATES3).



Pirate perch



Barn owl

OHIO Wildlife Diversity & Endangered Species Program

You will be helping wildlife for years to come!



Osprey



Freshwater mussels



Karner blue butterfly



Snowshoe hare



Backyard habitat



Lake sturgeon

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Paddlefish

Conserve Ohio's Wildlife Diversity

Thousands of Ohioans have generously donated to the Ohio Wildlife Diversity & Endangered Species Program through the state income tax checkoff and by purchasing cardinal and bald eagle license plates. In addition to field research, improving habitat, and providing observation platforms, the Division of Wildlife has focused attention on reintroducing and restoring native wildlife species to Ohio. Look at what we're working on:

Wildlife Species Reintroduced

(Once they were gone, now they're back!)

River otters
Ospreys
Peregrine falcons
Trumpeter swans
Karner blue butterflies
American burying beetles
Pirate perch
Snowshoe hares

Wildlife Species Being Restored

(Working to increase their numbers)

Bald eagles
Barn owls
Eastern Plains garter snakes
Western banded killifish
Paddlefish
Freshwater mussels
Brook trout
Lake sturgeon



Barn owl research



Peregrine falcon chicks



American burying beetles



Bald eagle



Eastern Plains garter snake

Wildlife Conservation in Ohio Schools

Project WILD and **Wild School Sites**—designed to educate teachers to take wildlife conservation concepts into the classroom—are projects funded with Ohio Wildlife Diversity & Endangered Species Program dollars. To find out more, call 1-800-WILDLIFE.

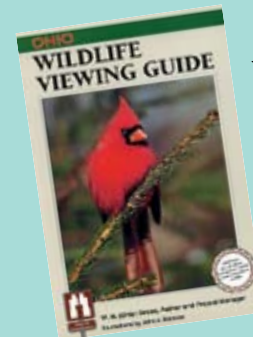


Books, Books, Books!

Several specific wildlife diversity projects have resulted in published reference books that the Division of Wildlife has provided free to all Ohio public libraries:

- *Salamanders of Ohio*
- *In Ohio's Backyard: Bats* (1st of a series)
- *Population Trends of Breeding Birds of Ohio*

Watchable Wildlife



Ohio has designated 79 official Watchable Wildlife sites throughout the state where outdoor enthusiasts can view native wildlife in the wild. Each site is fully described in the 96-page **Ohio Wildlife Viewing Guide**, available at book stores or through the mail by sending a \$10 check

or money order to: Ohio Division of Wildlife, 2045 Morse Road, Bldg. G, Columbus, OH 43229-6693.



Bald eagles

In addition, Ohio Wildlife Diversity & Endangered Species Program funds have enabled the Division of Wildlife to form partnerships with Ohio zoos, creating exhibits, displays, and curriculum to educate both adults and children about **native** wildlife:

- **Columbus Zoo** – Ohio Wetland exhibit, Migratory Songbird Aviary, aviary curriculum development for students, Ohio reptile exhibit, and two lending trunks
- **Cincinnati Zoo** – Otter Creek exhibit, native wildlife curriculum development, bald eagle exhibit
- **Cleveland Zoo** – Wolf Woods exhibit (featuring an Ohio wetland), three-year trumpeter swan reintroduction
- **Toledo Zoo** – Backyard Birds exhibit, Frog Town, USA exhibit (native amphibians)



Trumpeter swan

River otters