

**Wisconsin's Wildlife Action Plan (2005-2015)
Priority Conservation Actions & Conservation Opportunity Areas**

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HIGH PRIORITY SGCN AND NATURAL COMMUNITIES

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| ➤ Black-billed Cuckoo | ➤ Bog Fritillary | ➤ Red-disked Alpine |
| ➤ Golden-winged Warbler (bog and stream corridors) | ➤ Brown Elfin | ➤ St. Croix Snaketail |
| ➤ Gilt Darter | ➤ Frigga Fritillary | ➤ Winged Mapleleaf |
| ➤ Gray Wolf | ➤ Freija Fritillary | |
| ➤ Greater Redhorse | ➤ Harris Checkerspot | ➤ Warmwater Rivers |
| ➤ Least Flycatcher | ➤ Higgin's-eye | ➤ Open Bog |
| ➤ LeConte's Sparrow | ➤ Jutta Arctic | ➤ Northern Sedge Meadow |
| | ➤ Laurentian Skipper | ➤ Northern Wet Forest |
| | ➤ Purple Wartyback | |
| ➤ River Redhorse | ➤ Pygmy Snaketail | |

PRIORITY CONSERVATION ACTIONS

- Maintain large blocks of open bog/muskeg habitat and other surrounding wetlands and manage as co-occurring peatland communities.
- Maintain large blocks of sedge meadow and manage as complex in conjunction with associated wetlands such as open bog, poor fen, emergent marsh, shrub-carr, alder thicket and northern wet forest.
- Maintain lowland shrub communities, especially alder thickets and shrub-carr, and manage the working forest surrounding the shrub communities to benefit Golden-winged Warblers by leaving scattered off site aspen, ash and tamarack in the shrub areas and manage the uplands in a shifting mosaic to provide continuous habitat.
- Survey large peatlands for presence of boreal birds, Lepidoptera and other boreal taxa.
- Protect and restore large river habitat for rare taxa such as freshwater mussels, dragonflies and fish.

CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITY AREAS

Large Sedge Meadows, Fens and Prairies – Upper Midwest/Regional significance

Large extensive acid peatlands with a continuum from Open Bog, Northern Sedge Meadow, Poor Fen, Muskeg, and Northern Wet Forest.

COA(s): Northwest Lowland Bogs (3.01)

SGCN - Boreal Chorus Frog, Four-toed Salamander, Mink Frog, Pickerel Frog, Wood Turtle, American Bittern, American Woodcock, Black Tern, Blue-winged Teal, Bobolink, Canada Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler (bog edges and stream corridors), Least Flycatcher, LeConte's Sparrow, Northern Harrier, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Rusty Blackbird, Solitary Sandpiper, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Veery, Eastern Red Bat, Gray Wolf, Hoary Bat, Moose, Northern Long-eared Bat, Northern Flying Squirrel, Silver-haired Bat, Water Shrew, Woodland Jumping Mouse, Bog Fritillary, Frigga Fritillary, Freija Fritillary, Harris Checkerspot, Red-disked Alpine, Jutta Arctic, Brown Elfin, and Laurentian Skipper.

Public Land – Douglas County Forest.

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Legacy Places – Chase Creek, Empire and Belden Swamps, Upper Tamarack and Spruce.

Important Bird Areas – Moose Junction Peatlands.

Medium-sized Rivers and Streams – Upper Midwest/Regional Significance

Medium-sized river systems and adjacent terrace communities including Warmwater Rivers and riparian communities, Sand Prairie, Northern Dry Forest, Northern Dry-mesic Forest and Forested Seeps.

COA(s): Upper St. Croix River (A.45), St. Croix Ridge (3.02)

SGCN – Gilt Darter, Greater Redhorse, Lake Sturgeon, Longear Sunfish, River Redhorse, Mink Frog, Mudpuppy, Pickerel Frog, Wood Turtle, Golden-wined Warbler (stream corridors), Louisiana Waterthrush, Osprey, Eastern Red Bat, Hoary Bat, Northern Long-eared Bat, Silver-haired Bat, St. Croix Snaketail, Pygmy Snaketail, Extra-striped Snaketail, Spectacle Case, Purple Wartyback, Winged Mapleleaf, and Higgin's-eye.

Public Land – Douglas County Forest, Danbury Wildlife Area, St. Croix National Scenic River, Governor Knowles State Forest.

Legacy Places – St. Croix River.

Important Bird Areas – Namekagon-Solon Springs Barrens.