

Bush Administration Listing Record *As of September 2006*

As of September 2006, the Bush administration has designated only 56 plants and animals as threatened or endangered species, providing protection under the Endangered Species Act—the lowest endangered species listing rate in the history of the Endangered Species Act.

This is the only administration in the history of the Endangered Species Act to have not listed a single species except in response to petitions and/or lawsuits by scientists and citizen groups.

	LISTINGS	
	Total	Annual Average
Nixon/Ford	46	15.3
Carter	151	37.8
Reagan	253	31.6
Bush I	234	58.5
Clinton	521	65.1
Bush II	56	10.0

During the same period, the Bush administration has issued 80 negative listing decisions (withholding protections to species). This includes 47 negative 90-day findings, 27 negative 12-month findings, and 6 negative final rules.

At the same time, under the Bush administration the Candidate waiting list has grown to 279 species. The Bush administration has made extremely limited progress in addressing this backlog and has added 14 species to the Candidate list designated as Warranted But Precluded.

In addition, the Bush administration has removed 12 plants and animals from the endangered species list. Some of these decisions have been highly controversial.

Furthermore, the Bush administration is the only presidency in the history of the Endangered Species Act to have declared that a species is going extinct, but should not be listed because it is “insignificant.” It has done so three times (Puget Sound orcas, Lower Kootenai River burbot, and Washington population of Western gray squirrel).

All together, the extremely low listing rate, the high number of negative findings, the mounting Candidate list, the high rate of delistings, and the indifference toward extinctions all indicate an apathy on the part of the Bush administration toward plants and animals on the brink of extinction and a disregard for the legal mandate of the Endangered Species Act to protect America’s natural heritage.

BUSH LISTING DECISIONS

(does not include proposals or the small number of non-U.S. listings)

Listings

Holmgren milk/vetch	09-28-01	66 FR 49560	
Shivwitz milk/vetch	09-28-01	66 FR 49560	
Ventura Marsh milk/vetch	05-21-01	66 FR 27901	
White abalone	05-29-01	66 FR 29046	
Ohlone tiger beetle	10-03-01	66 FR 50340	
Scaleshell mussel	10-09-01	66 FR 51322	
Spalding's catchfly	10-10-01	66 FR 51598	
Vermillion darter	11-28-01	66 FR 59367	
Carson wandering skipper	11-29-01	66 FR 59550	Emergency
Pygmy rabbit (Columbia Basin DPS)	11-30-01	66 FR 59734	Emergency
Mississippi gopher frog	12-04-01	66 FR 62993	
Tumbling Creek cavesnail	12-27-01	66 FR 66803	Emergency
Golden sedge	01-23-02	67 FR 03120	
Showy stickseed	02-06-02	67 FR 05515	
Buena Vista Lake shrew	03-06-02	67 FR 10101	
Desert yellowhead	03-14-02	67 FR 11442	
Chiricahua leopard frog	06-13-02	67 FR 40790	
Mountain yellow/legged frog	07-02-02	67 FR 44382	
San Diego ambrosia	07-02-02	67 FR 44372	
Large-flowered woolly meadowfoam	11-07-02	67 FR 68004	
Cook's lomatium	11-07-02	67 FR 68004	
Smalltooth sawfish (U.S. DPS)	04-01-03	68 FR 15674	
Scott's Valley polygonum	04-08-03	68 FR 16970	
Rota bridled white-eye	01-22-04	69 FR 03022	
Santa Cruz Island fox	03-05-04	69 FR 10335	
San Miguel Island fox	03-05-04	69 FR 10335	
Santa Catalina Island fox	03-05-04	69 FR 10335	
Santa Rosa Island fox	03-05-04	69 FR 10335	
Nesogenes rotensis	04-08-04	69 FR 18499	
Osmoxylon mariannense	04-08-04	69 FR 18499	
California tiger salamander (rangewide)	08-04-04	69 FR 47211	
Mariana fruitbat	01-06-05	70 FR 1190	
Coho salmon	06-28-05	70 FR 37159	
Koster's springsnail	08-09-05	70 FR 46303	
Noel's amphipod	08-09-05	70 FR 46303	
Pecos assimineia	08-09-05	70 FR 46303	
Roswell springsnail	08-09-05	70 FR 46303	
Northern sea otter	08-09-05	70 FR 46365	
Salt Creek tiger beetle	10-06-05	70 FR 58335	
Gila chub	11-02-05	70 FR 66663	
Southern resident killer whale	11-18-05	70 FR 69903	
North American Green Sturgeon (Southern DPS)	04-06-06	71 FR 17757	
Elkhorn coral	05-09-06	71 FR 26852	
Staghorn coral	05-09-06	71 FR 26852	
Hawaiian picture wings (12 spp.)	05-09-06	71 FR 26835	

Delistings

Aleutian Canada goose	03-20-01	66 FR 15643	Recovered
Robbins' cinquefoil	08-27-02	67 FR 54968	Recovered
Columbian white-tailed deer DPS	07-24-03	68 FR 43647	Recovered
Sacramento splittail	09-22-03	68 FR 55140	New Data
Truckee barberry	10-01-03	68 FR 56564	Taxonomic
Hoover's woolly star	10-07-03	68 FR 57829	Recovered
Mariana mallard	02-23-04	69 FR 08116	Extinct
Guam broadbill	02-23-04	69 FR 08116	Extinct
Tinian monarch	09-21-04	69 FR 56367	Recovered
Eggert's sunflower	08-18-05	70 FR 48482	Recovered
Cactus ferruginous pygmy owl	04-14-06	71 FR 19452	Not Distinct
Arizona agave	06-19-06	71 FR 35915	Taxonomic