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<td>Amphibians</td>
<td>Barking treefrog</td>
<td><em>Hyla gratiosa</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Forests near or within shallow wetlands</td>
<td>The Virginia Fish and Wildlife Information System indicates the loss suitable wetlands constitute the greatest threats to this species. DGIF recommends working to maintain or restore forested buffers surrounding occupied wetlands. These needs are consistent with action plan priorities to conserve and restore wetland habitats and associated buffers. Recently discovered populations within its known range, may indicate this species is more abundant than previously believed. An in-depth investigation into its status may warrant delisting. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Amphibians</td>
<td>Blue Ridge dusky salamander</td>
<td><em>Desmognathus orestes</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>High elevation seeps, streams, wet rock faces, and riparian forests</td>
<td>This species’ distribution is very limited. Other than limiting logging activity in the occupied areas, no conservation actions have been identified. Unless other threats or actions are identified, this species will be listed as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Amphibians</td>
<td>Blue Ridge two-lined salamander</td>
<td><em>Eurycea wilderae</em></td>
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<td>a</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Mountain streams and adjacent riparian areas with mixed hardwood or spruce-fir forests up to 6000 feet.</td>
<td>The needs of this species are consistent with priorities for maintaining and enhancing riparian forests and aquatic habitats. This species will be listed as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Amphibians</td>
<td>Carpenter frog</td>
<td><em>Lithobates virgatipes</em></td>
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<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Freshwater wetlands with sphagnum moss</td>
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<td>Amphibians</td>
<td>Common mudpuppy</td>
<td><em>Necturus maculosus</em></td>
<td>III</td>
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<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Permanent lakes, ponds, impoundments, streams, and rivers with suitable hiding cover</td>
<td>The needs of this species are consistent with action plan priorities to preserve and restore aquatic habitats and water quality. This species will be listed as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Amphibians</td>
<td>Cow Knob salamander</td>
<td><em>Plethodon punctatus</em></td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Site specific - mixed hardwood forests in rocky areas in high elevations</td>
<td>DGIF staff have indicated this species will always face a significant threat of extinction due to its limited range. However, no conservation actions or research have been identified to help conserve this species, most of the habitat is protected via conservation agreements between the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. As such, it is recommended that this species be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Mature hardwood forests in the vicinity of rocky outcrops</td>
<td>This species requires large stands of mature forests. This habitat type appears to be abundant within this species' distribution. Until additional threats or actions are identified, this species will be listed as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Amphibians</td>
<td>Dwarf waterdog</td>
<td><em>Necturus punctatus</em></td>
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<td>a</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Sluggish streams and blackwater streams with debris</td>
<td>The needs of this species are consistent with action plan priorities to preserve and restore aquatic habitats and water quality. This species will be listed as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Amphibians</td>
<td>Eastern hellbender</td>
<td><em>Cryptobranchus alleganiensis</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clean streams and rivers with rocky substrates</td>
<td>DGIF staff have recommended this species be listed as a Tier 1a species. The eastern hellbender has been petitioned for protection under the Federal Endangered Species Act. Virginia's populations of hellbenders have been impacted by sedimentation, chemical pollutants, and impoundments in the clear, fast flowing, well oxygenated stream and river habitats they require. Hellbenders are also occasionally caught and killed by anglers fishing for sportfish. Conservation actions identified by DGIF staff include working to maintain and improve water quality, the use of artificial nest boxes, captive propagation, public education, and conducting research to better detect and assess hellbender populations.</td>
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<td>Amphibians</td>
<td>Eastern mud salamander</td>
<td><em>Pseudotriton montanus</em></td>
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<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Freshwater wetlands with sphagnum moss</td>
<td>The needs of this species are consistent with action plan priorities to preserve and restore aquatic habitats, wetland habitats, and water quality. This species will be listed as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Amphibians</td>
<td>Eastern spadefoot</td>
<td><em>Scaphiopus holbrooki</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Forest and upland habitat generalist but require fish free breeding sites and soils suitable for digging</td>
<td>No conservation actions or research needs have been identified for this species. This species will be listed as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Eastern tiger salamander</td>
<td><em>Ambystoma tigrinum</em></td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>In the east, habitat needs are site specific wetlands within pine savanna. The mountain population utilizes mature forest in proximity to seasonally flooded sinkhole ponds. This species is known from a handful of sites in the Coastal Plain and the Blue Ridge. The greatest threats include the loss of breeding ponds and the adjacent woodlands. Populations can also be lost if fish are introduced into the breeding ponds. The Virginia Fish and Wildlife Information Service indicates efforts to preserve breeding ponds and associated vegetated buffers should continue. Efforts have been established to maintain existing sites. The single greatest conservation action to protect the Coastal Plain population would be the permanent protection of the Cat Ponds. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td><strong>Amphibians</strong></td>
<td>Greater siren</td>
<td><em>Siren lacertina</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Tolerates a variety of warm aquatic habitats with abundant vegetation</td>
<td>The needs of this species are consistent with action plan priorities to preserve and restore aquatic and wetland habitats and water quality. This species will be listed as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td><strong>Amphibians</strong></td>
<td>Green salamander</td>
<td><em>Aneides aeneus</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>b</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Damp, but not wet, crevices in shaded rock outcrops and ledges in forested areas</td>
<td>The most significant threat to this species involves logging areas that contain occupied rock outcrops. Conservation action includes maintaining forested buffers around occupied rock outcrops. However, recent investigations indicate this species may be more aboreal than previously believed. These habitats do not appear to be limited within its distribution. Until a more through assessment of its status and habitat usage is completed, a Tier 2b status is warranted.</td>
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<td><strong>Amphibians</strong></td>
<td>Jefferson salamander</td>
<td><em>Ambystoma jeffersonianum</em></td>
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<td>a</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>West of Shenandoah River - high elevation hardwood forests with suitable breeding ponds.</td>
<td>The needs of this species are consistent with action plan priorities to preserve and restore forested wetlands. This species will be listed as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Lesser siren</td>
<td><em>Siren intermedia</em></td>
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<td>Wetland</td>
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<td>Little grass frog</td>
<td><em>Pseudacris ocularis</em></td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Most abundant in wetlands within pine savanna habitats</td>
<td>The habitat needs of this species are consistent with action plan priorities to preserve and restore wetland habitats and vegetated buffers around wetlands. This species will be listed as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Amphibians</td>
<td>Mabee’s salamander</td>
<td><em>Ambystoma mabeei</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Barren</td>
<td>Pine and hardwood forests with vernal ponds and other water sources suitable for breeding</td>
<td>DGIF indicates the most significant threat to this species involves urban development, forest loss and the draining of vernal ponds. The Virginia Fish and Wildlife Information System indicates known breeding sites and surrounding forested buffers should be conserved. As this need aligns with the priority to conserve riparian forests and large patches of forest in eastern Virginia, this species will be listed as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Amphibians</td>
<td>Many-lined salamander</td>
<td><em>Stereochilus marginatus</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Gum and cypress swamps as well as other wooded wetlands</td>
<td>The needs of this species are consistent with action plan priorities to preserve and restore aquatic and wetland habitats and water quality. This species will be listed as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Amphibians</td>
<td>Mole salamander</td>
<td><em>Ambystoma talpoideum</em></td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Hardwood and mixed forests containing fish-free breeding ponds</td>
<td>DGIF indicates the most significant threat to this species involves forest loss and the draining of vernal ponds. The Virginia Fish and Wildlife Information System indicates known breeding sites and surrounding forested buffers should be conserved. As this need aligns with the priority to conserve riparian forests and large patches of forest in eastern Virginia, this species will be listed as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Mountain chorus frog</td>
<td><em>Pseudacris brachyphona</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Forested areas up to 3500 feet that contain suitable breeding sites</td>
<td>DGIF indicates the most significant threat to this species involves the loss of occupied wetlands and surrounding forests. Conservation actions include maintaining and enhancing wetlands and associated forest buffers. This is consistent with the priority to conserve and restore wetlands. This species will be listed as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>New Jersey chorus frog</td>
<td><em>Pseudacris kalmi</em></td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Various forests with suitable breeding sites</td>
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<td>Desmognathus organi</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Forested habitats in proximity to seeps and springs</td>
<td>This species requires large stands of mature forests and can utilize both spruce-fir, mixed, and deciduous forest types. Mature forests appear to be abundant within this species' distribution. Unless other threats or conservation actions are identified, this species will be listed as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td>Amphibians</td>
<td>Oak toad</td>
<td>Anaxyrus quercicus</td>
<td>II</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Wetlands associated with pine or hardwood savanna habitats with sandy soils.</td>
<td>Conservation actions for this species include working to maintain and restore wetlands and savanna habitats. These needs are consistent with priorities to conserve and restore wetlands and savanna habitats. This species will be listed as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Amphibians</td>
<td>Peaks of Otter salamander</td>
<td>Plethodon hubrichti</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Site specific - utilizing various forest, rhododendron thickets, and forested talus slopes with deep moist soils</td>
<td>DGIF staff have recommended this species be recategorized as a Tier 1c species. DGIF staff have indicated this species will always face a significant threat of extinction due to its limited range. However, no conservation actions or research have been identified to help conserve this species, most of the habitat is protected via conservation agreements between the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. As such, it is recommended that this species be prioritized as Tier 1c. Staff from the Fish and Wildlife Service indicate that populations appear to be stable and not in immediate risk of extinction. Service staff also indicate that the 1997 Conservation agreement for this species outlines specific actions which have contributed to this species' well being.</td>
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<td>Shenandoah Mountain salamander</td>
<td>Plethodon virginia</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Site specific - deciduous hardwood forests on mountain slopes and ravines in western Rockingham County</td>
<td>This species requires large stands of mature forests. This habitat type appears to be abundant within this species' distribution. Until additional threats or actions are identified, this species will be listed as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Handful of sites in Shenandoah National Park</td>
<td>Although this species has a very restricted range, its entire distribution occurs on NPS property. The only identified management action is the development of a Management Plan by the NPS. Except for climate change, NPS infrastructure development and expansion may be the only other serious threat to this species. Population appears stable and no DGIF management actions have been identified to further advance the conservation of this species. This species will be prioritized at Tier 1c.</td>
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<td>Amphibians</td>
<td>Shovel-nosed salamander</td>
<td><em>Desmognathus marmoratus</em></td>
<td>III a</td>
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<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Cool highly oxygenated high elevation streams with moderate flow and graveland rock substrates</td>
<td>The needs of this species are consistent with action plan priorities to preserve and restore aquatic habitats and water quality. This species will be listed as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Southern chorus frog</td>
<td><em>Pseudacris nigrita</em></td>
<td>IV c</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Grassy wet areas within or near pine forests</td>
<td>No conservation actions or research needs have been identified for this species. This species will be listed as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Amphibians</td>
<td>Southern zigzag salamander</td>
<td><em>Plethodon ventralis</em></td>
<td>II c</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Hardwood forests in the vicinity of rocky outcrops</td>
<td>This species utilizes mature forests with access to rocky substrates, caves, and other rock features. Although the species has a very limited range in Virginia, this habitat does not appear to be limited within its distribution. Unless additional threats or conservation actions are identified, this species will be listed as Tier 2c.</td>
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<td>Welller's salamander</td>
<td><em>Plethodon welleri</em></td>
<td>I b</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Either moist cove hardwoods or spruce-fir forests above 2500 feet</td>
<td>DGIF staff have recommended this species be elevated to a Tier 1c species for the following reasons. DGIF Staff have indicated this species will always face a significant threat of extinction due to its limited range. Staff from the USFWS indicated this species has a limited range that likely indicates remaining populations are remnants of a wider historic distribution. This restricted distribution is believed to be a natural occurrence and not the result of anthropogenic habitat destruction. Per the USFS, research is ongoing to determine how climate change may impact this species. This research may help identify additional management actions. As such, this species is being listed as Tier 1b.</td>
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<td><em>Plethodon yonahlossee</em></td>
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<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Mature hardwood forests with deep leaf litter layer</td>
<td>This species requires large stands of mature forests. This habitat type appears to be abundant within this species’ distribution. Until additional threats or actions are identified, this species will be listed as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>A limnephilid caddisfly</td>
<td><em>Anabolia apora</em></td>
<td>II</td>
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| Aq Insects        | A mayfly                  | *Isonychia arida*      | IV   | c                  | Aquatic     | Unknown             | No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c. |
| Aq Insects        | A mayfly                  | *Isonychia serrata*    | IV   | c                  | Aquatic     | Unknown             | No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c. |
| Aq Insects        | A philopotamid caddisfly | *Wormaldia thyria*     | III  | c                  | Aquatic     | Unknown             | No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c. |
| Aq Insects        | A rhyacophilid caddisfly | *Rhyacophila tricornuta* | II  | c                  | Aquatic     | Unknown             | No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2c. |
| Aq Insects        | A water scorpion          | *Nepa apiculata*       | IV   | c                  | Aquatic     | Unknown             | No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c. |
| Aq Insects        | A water strider           | *Limnoporus dissoritis* | IV   | c                  | Aquatic     | Unknown             | No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c. |
| Aq Insects        | Acuminate water boatman   | *Ramphocorixa acuminata* | IV  | c                  | Aquatic     | Unknown             | No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c. |
| Aq Insects        | Allegheny mayfly          | *Ameletus cryptostimulus* | IV  | c                  | Aquatic     | Unknown             | No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c. |
| Aq Insects        | Allegheny river cruiser   | *Macromia alleghaniensis* | IV  | c                  | Aquatic     | Unknown             | No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c. |
| Aq Insects        | Allegheny snaketail       | *Ophiogomphus alleghaniensis* | III | c                  | Aquatic     | Unknown             | No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c. |
| Aq Insects        | American emerald          | *Cordulia shurtleffi*  | IV   | c                  | Aquatic     | Unknown             | No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c. |
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<td>Breeds in riffle areas of spring-fed piedmont streams. They seem to prefer areas where gravel overlies soft mud in shallow water.</td>
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<td>Pristine medium-sized streams of the elevated Appalachians</td>
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<td><em>Barbaetis benfieldi</em></td>
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<td>Larvae are known from a short reach of the New River. Substrate is metamorphic bedrock with overlying rubble and gravel and with dense mats of riverweed Podostemum ceratophyllum in riffle areas.</td>
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<td>Unknown but stoneflies generally occur in fast flowing water with rocky substrates</td>
<td>This species is known only from a spring on Beartown Mountain near Burkes Garden, Virginia. One specific threat to this species is habitat destruction and degradation from livestock trampling. Management actions include: protection of the spring, either through its incorporation into the Beartown Wilderness Area of Jefferson National Forest, purchase or lease of the property by another conservation entity, or a cooperative agreement with the landowner to protect and improve the site. The recommended research need is looking for other populations. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td><em>Enallagma weewa</em></td>
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<td>Inhabits slow, shady streams and rivers</td>
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<td>Small spring-fed streams and seeps of the Blue Ridge region of southwestern Virginia</td>
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<td><em>Ophiogomphus aspersus</em></td>
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<td>lea streams where shallow current ripples over sand</td>
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<td>Cherokee clubtail</td>
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<td>Small shady spring fed streams with mud bottoms</td>
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<td><em>Somatochlora georgiana</em></td>
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<td>Low-gradient streams in forested to partly forested terrain</td>
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<td>Unknown but stoneflies generally occur in fast flowing water with rocky substrates</td>
<td>This species is only known from the streams in Mount Rogers, Virginia. The primary threats are habitat destruction from expansion of the recreational facilities at Mount Rogers National Recreation Area and cattle grazing along Lewis Fork. Management actions include avoiding further development of the watersheds within the distribution of this species. Research needs include establishing water quality and habitat monitoring to pinpoint any deterioration of habitat quality and collecting life history information. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1b. This ranking will be reconsidered when this research need is addressed.</td>
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<td>Large, clear rivers with moderate current and gravel or sandy benthos</td>
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<td>Larvae have been found in second order trout stream and a fourth order cool fast river</td>
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<td>Clear rivers and streams with strong current over coarse cobbles and with periodic rapids sections</td>
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<td><em>Hydraena maureenae</em></td>
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<td>c</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>The known habitat is a shale bottom Appalachian stream. This species apparently prefers the margins of clear mountain streams, adults sometimes occur on submerged vegetation, but occur mostly among</td>
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<td><em>Macromia margarita</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Small streams to large rivers, usually rocky but with silt deposits</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear streams and brooks with strong current over clean gravel, cobbles or bedrock, on comparatively unproductive soils</td>
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<td>Notched forestfly</td>
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<td>Rapids clubtail</td>
<td><em>Gomphus quadricolor</em></td>
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<td>Clear streams and brooks with strong current over clean gravel, cobbles or bedrock, on comparatively unproductive soils (“trout stream”)</td>
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<td><em>Calopteryx aequabilis</em></td>
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<td>Small to medium-sized, warm rivers and streams; especially along swiftly flowing riffle segments</td>
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<td>Rock Island springfly</td>
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<td>Large rivers where they burrow in the soft mud of deep pools</td>
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<td>Sinkhole ponds, bog ponds, small lakes, and artificial ponds; usually fishless</td>
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<td><em>Sigara depressa</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Streams with clean water and healthy riparian areas site specific Per DCR, this species has only been found at one site</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<td>White corporal skimmer</td>
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<td>White sand-river mayfly</td>
<td>Pseudiron centralis</td>
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<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clean shifting sand in the fastest portions of the rivers and the sand must be free of silt and must not be compacted</td>
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<td>Zebra clubtail</td>
<td>Stylurus scudderi</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Streams and rivers with slight to moderate current and gravel or sandy benthos</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Alewife floater</td>
<td>Anodonta implicata</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Alewife obligate - coastal streams and lakes with sand or gravel substrates</td>
<td>Propagation and recovery of this species is currently ongoing at VFAWC. Genetics assessment needs to be conducted to determine if the Rappahannock and Pamunkey populations can be used for recovery in the James, Chickahominy and Chowan Basins. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Appalachian monkeyface</td>
<td><em>Quadrula sparsa</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>River headwaters with fast flow and various substrates</td>
<td>This species is extremely rare in Virginia and is included in the Virginia Upper Tennessee Mussel Restoration Strategy. Propagation techniques must be developed for this species and water quality and habitat improvements must be continued to be made through BMPs and land-use management. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Appalachian springsnail</td>
<td><em>Fontigens bottimeri</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Individual springs in Frederick county</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Atlantic pigtoe</td>
<td><em>Fusconaia masoni</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clean swift waters with stable gravel or sand/gravel substrate</td>
<td>This species is currently being assessed for federal listing as part of the mega aquatics petition. In VA, we only know of 1 stable population that remains and that is in Craig Creek. When the initial tiering was done, the Nottoway River had the largest population from VA 49 and downstream through the Falls area but that population is almost extorpated as the mussel fauna throughout that area has significantly declined. This species warrants state endangered status in VA and likely will be proposed during the next reg cycle depending on what happens at the federal level. This species also has declined in NC. Propagation, augmentation, and reintroduction is a possibility with this species. Initial work has been done at White Sulphur Springs NFH and in NC. DGIF should collaborate with NCWRC to make this a reality as work could be done at VFAWC. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Atlantic spike</td>
<td><em>Elliptio producta</em></td>
<td>IV c</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Areas with moderate current and sand, rocky, or mud bottom</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Birdwing pearlymussel</td>
<td><em>Lemiox rimosus</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Riffle areas with stable, sand and gravel substrates in moderate to fast currents in small to medium sized rivers</td>
<td>Propagation and release and habitat protection needs to be continued with this species or extripation is likely. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Black sandshell</td>
<td>Ligumia recta</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Medium to large rivers with strong currents and sand, gravel, and cobble substrates</td>
<td>The propagation of this species needs to continue. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Blue Ridge springsnail</td>
<td>Fontigens orolibas</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Springs and cave streams in the Potomac basin and along the Blue Ridge</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2c.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Bottle hornsnail</td>
<td>Pleurocera gradata</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Rivers</td>
<td>DG This species is endemic to the Holston drainage and may be extirpated from Virginia. Threats are the same as any other aquatic species, water quality and habitat loss due to point source and non-point source impacts. This species needs a status assessment before any on-the-ground management can be initiated. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Brook floater</td>
<td>Alasmidonta varicosa</td>
<td>I</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear flowing water with sand or gravel substrates</td>
<td>This species is most likely extirpated from VA as it has not been seen live for over 15 years now and is the most rare mussel in the Atlantic Slope in VA and one of the most rare mussels in VA period. The primary locations for the species is/was the Sheanadoah River watershed and the Potomac River watershed. Broad Run in the Potomac used to harbor a population but heavy urban development has impacted this stream. The only live specimens that have been found recently include those in the mainstem Potomac River. Propagation and translocations of this species will need to occur with the cooperation of another state like WV. A regional conservation plan is in development. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1b. This status will be reconsidered when the planning need has been addressed.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Brown walker</td>
<td>Pomatiopsis cincinnatiensis</td>
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<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Amphibious - vegetated banks of streams, creeks, and rivers</td>
<td>DGIF staff recommend this species be listed as Tier 3b. They indicate a status assessment is needed. This conservation action is more consistent with Tier 3c.</td>
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<td><em>Elliptio angustata</em></td>
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<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clean flowing water with sand and gravel substrates and aquatic vegetation</td>
<td>A detailed genetics assessment needs conducted to determine if angustata is a valid species in VA or if this &quot;species&quot; is simply <em>Elliptio fisheriana</em>. Once determined, a status assessment is needed. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Carolina slabshell mussel</td>
<td><em>Elliptio congarae</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Small streams to rivers with swift flow and sandy substrates</td>
<td>Propagation and recovery efforts for this species are ongoing at VFAWC and this work should continue. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Chesapeake ambersnail</td>
<td><em>Oxyloma subeffusum</em></td>
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<td>Coal elimia</td>
<td><em>Elimia aterina</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Little is known about this species' habitat needs. It is found in flowing water in the Clinch and Powell rivers.</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2c.</td>
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<td>Cracking pearlymussel</td>
<td><em>Hemistena lata</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Medium sized rivers with moderate current and mud, sand, and fine gravel substrates</td>
<td>This species is included in the Virginia Upper Tennessee Mussel Restoration Plan. Efforts to develop propagation techniques need to continued to be developed. This species is prioritized as Tier 1b. This ranking will be reconsidered when this research need is addressed.</td>
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<td>Creeper</td>
<td><em>Strophitus undulatus</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>It is usually found in streams and rivers in a range of flow conditions (rarely in high-gradient streams of mountainous regions) but can tolerate lakes and ponds, particularly in outlets.</td>
<td>Propagation and recovery efforts for this species are ongoing at VFAWC and this work should continue. If the South River NRDAR project comes through, this species will be a focus of recovery. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Crossed dome</td>
<td><em>Ventrildens decussatus</em></td>
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<td>Cumberland bean</td>
<td><em>Villosa trabalis</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear, warm streams and small rivers with moderate to swift currents and unsilted sand, gravel, and rubble substrates</td>
<td>This species is likely extirpated from Virginia. The USFWS five-year review document indicates Propagation/Release and habitat protection efforts needs to be continued. This species is prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Cumberland moccasinshell</td>
<td><em>Medionidus conradicus</em></td>
<td>IV a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Small headwater streams with sand and gravel substrates</td>
<td>This species is included within the Virginia Mussel Restoration Strategy and that propagation effort should continue. Staff from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service indicate &quot;this species has undergone measurable declines in certain portions of its range in Virginia. The status of the species is currently being investigated as it seems to be declining rangewide.&quot; Efforts to address water quality threats have been identified. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Cumberland monkeyface</td>
<td><em>Quadrula intermedia</em></td>
<td>I a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Small to medium sized streams with fast current and silt-free sand, gravel, and rubble substrates</td>
<td>This species is extremely rare in Virginia and is included in the Virginia Upper Tennessee Mussel Restoration Strategy. Propagation techniques must be developed for this species and water quality and habitat improvements must be continued to be made through BMPs and land-use management. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Cumberlandia n combshell</td>
<td><em>Epioblasma brevidens</em></td>
<td>I a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Large creeks to large rivers with gravel, cobble, and boulder substrates</td>
<td>Propagation and release and habitat protection needs to be continued with this species or extirpation is likely. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Deertoe</td>
<td><em>Truncilla truncata</em></td>
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<td>This species is a generalized in terms of substrate preference, usually occurring in fine gravel mixed with sand and mud. It is also considered a generalist in terms of the size of rivers it inhabits. It is more common in medium-sized rivers but may become numerous in large rivers, where it can live at depths of 12 to 18 feet. It will also establish viable populations in lakes lacking current.</td>
<td>This species is listed in the Virginia Mussel Restoration Strategy. Propagation techniques need to be developed. A status assessment is also needed. This species is rarely found in VA and likely warrants state listing. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3b. This ranking will be reconsidered when the research needs have been addressed.</td>
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<td>Dromedary pearlymussel</td>
<td><em>Dromus dromas</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clean fast moving water with firm, unsilted, sand and gravel substrates</td>
<td>Propagation and release and habitat protection needs to be continued with this species or extirpation is likely. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Dusky Fossaria</td>
<td><em>Fossaria dalli</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Freshwater</td>
<td>A status assessment is needed for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Dwarf wedgemussel</td>
<td><em>Alasmidonta heterodon</em></td>
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<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clean warm streams and rivers with low to moderate current and unsilted substrates</td>
<td>Propagation and reintroduction efforts need to be initiated with this species. The only suitable broodstock site that may remain is the Po River as this species has not been found in Aquia Creek or the Nottoway River. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td><em>Lampsilis radiata</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Small streams, large rivers, ponds, and lakes. It is found on a wide variety of substrate types, but prefers sand or gravel. Surveys over the past decade have indicated this species is more rare than previously thought. The eastern lampmussel is extant in the Chowan, Potomac and York Basins but in neither basin is the species common. The largest populations exist in the mainstem Nottaway, Meherrin and Pamunkey Rivers but the distribution is patchy and the species is not typically common when found. The species should be present in the James, Roanoke, and Chickahominy given its range in the U.S. but recent records do not exist. This species is currently being propagated with great success at VFAWC so restoration potential is high. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Eastern pondmussel</td>
<td><em>Ligumia nasuta</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Areas of limited currents and significant amounts of fine organic matter - can tolerate a wide range of substrates. Propagation and recovery is currently ongoing at VFAWC and this work should continue. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Elephant ear</td>
<td><em>Elliptio crassidens</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Large creeks to rivers with moderate to swift currents and mud, sand, or rocky substrates. Propagation techniques need to be developed for this species. The restoration of this species in Virginia will only occur through the release of propagated mussels and the recovery of host fish species. This species is also impacted by water quality issues. Actions to address water quality concerns have been identified. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Elktoe</td>
<td><em>Alasmidonta marginata</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Small shallow rivers with moderately fast current and sand and gravel substrates. No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2c.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Fanshell</td>
<td><em>Cyprogenia stegaria</em></td>
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<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Warm medium to large streams with strong currents and gravel substrates. Propagation and release and habitat protection needs to be continued with this species or extirpation is likely. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Fine-rayed pigtoe</td>
<td><em>Fusconaia cuneolus</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear high gradient streams in unisilted gravel and cobbles substrates. This species is very rare in Virginia and is included in the Upper Tennessee River Mussel Restoration Plan. Propagation techniques need to be continued to be developed. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Florida pondhorn</td>
<td>Uniomerus caroliniana</td>
<td>IVc</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Slack water areas, generally the edges, of small creeks to medium-sized rivers. May inhabit braided channels, bottomland hardwood swamps, lakes, temporary overflow pools, and probably artificial waters (e.g., canals, boat basins, impoundments)</td>
<td>A status assessment is needed for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Fluted kidneyshell</td>
<td>Ptychobranchus subtentum</td>
<td>IIa</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Small to medium rivers with swift current and sand, gravel, or cobble substrates</td>
<td>This species is listed in the Virginia Mussel Restoration Strategy and propagation efforts should continue. Staff from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service indicate we should recognize this species will be listed as endangered on April 12, 2015. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Fragile papershell</td>
<td>Leptodea fragilis</td>
<td>IVc</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>This species is tolerant of a variety of aquatic habitats and can be found in small streams in strong current with coarse gravel and sand substrates but also rivers or river-lakes possessing slow current and a firm substrate composed of sand and mud. It can occur at depths of up to 15 or 20 feet but reaches greatest population density at normal water levels of three feet or less in areas such as shallow embayments</td>
<td>This species is likely extirpated from Virginia but a status assessment is needed to confirm this suspicion. Additionally, efforts are needed to address the declines of host fish; the freshwater drum (tier 3c). This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Glossy covert</td>
<td><em>Fumonelix christyi</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Terrestrial</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Golden riffleshell</td>
<td><em>Epioblasma florentina aureola</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>No information.</td>
<td>Virginia's populations of golden riffleshell were previously identified as the tan riffleshell. The taxonomy has changed and the tan riffleshell has been divided into two species. Virginia's population is now classified as the Golden Riffleshell (<em>Epioblasma florentina aureola</em>) instead of the Tan riffleshell (<em>E. f. walkeri</em>). Conservation efforts are needed to address mining-related threats to water quality in Indian Creek, Tazewell County. Species is in the upper TN mussel propagation plan. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Gravel elimia</td>
<td><em>Elimia catenaria</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Streams and rivers with high ground water content and good flow</td>
<td>A status assessment is needed for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Green Floater</td>
<td><em>Lasmigona subviridis</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clean, calm water in streams and rivers of various sizes with sand and gravel substrates</td>
<td>A draft conservation plan has been developed and propagation has been initiated with this species with some success. In 2013, over 1,100 propagated individuals were released back to the Tye River and preliminary results indicate good survival. These techniques need to be continued. A draft state conservation plan has been developed for the species, which prioritizes management actions. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>James spinymussel</td>
<td><em>Pleurobema collina</em></td>
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<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear flowing water with sand, gravel, or cobbel substrates</td>
<td>Propagation with JSM needs to be continued. Techniques have been developed with some success at White Sulphur Springs NFH and are now being conducted at Harrison Lake NFH at VFAWC. In 2013, 532 propagated individuals were released in Mill Creek, Bath County, and data to date show high survival and expected growth. eDNA is being looked at as a possible presence/absence tool for JSM and potentially other mussel species as well. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Little-winged pearlymussel</td>
<td><em>Pegias fabula</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>High gradient headwater streams</td>
<td>This species is likely extirpated from Virginia but it is included within the Upper Tennessee Mussel Restoration Plan. Given the rarity of this species in VA, intensive surveys need to be conducted to determine its status. Propagation has not been initiated with this species and cannot until broodstock is identified. This species is difficult to find so extirpation cannot be determined at this time unless more intensive surveys are conducted. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Longsolid</td>
<td><em>Fusconaia subrotunda</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Medium to large rivers with strong currents and sand and gravel substrates</td>
<td>This species is included in the Virginia Mussel Restoration Strategy. Propagation techniques must be developed for this species and water quality and habitat improvements must be continued to be made through BMPs and land-use management. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Mountain creekshell mussel</td>
<td><em>Villosa vanuxemensis vanuxemensis</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Very clean small headwaters creeks and streams with sand and gravel substrates and associated with Justicia beds</td>
<td>This species is included within the Virginia Mussel Restoration Strategy. Propagation has been initiated with this species with success and needs to be continued. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Northern lance mussel</td>
<td><em>Elliptio fisheriana</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>b</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Shallow water near stable banks with intact riparian zones and soft substrates</td>
<td>Propagation techniques need to be developed for the species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4b. This ranking will be reconsidered when this research need is addressed.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Notched rainbow</td>
<td><em>Villosa constricta</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clean streams with stable banks and sand or gravel substrates</td>
<td>Propagation and recovery is currently ongoing at VFAWC and this work should continue. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Oblong ancylid</td>
<td><em>Ferrissia parallelus</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Quiet, slow-moving water, usually in ponds and lakes, where it attaches to plant surfaces at about 0.3-0.2 metres depth</td>
<td>A status assessment is needed for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Ohio pigtoe</td>
<td><em>Pleurobema cordatum</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Medium and large rivers with flow with gravel, cobble, and boulder substrates, but can also tolerate some reservoir environments</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Oyster mussel</td>
<td><em>Epioblasma capsaeformis</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Warm creeks and rivers with moderate to swift current and sand, gravel, and boulder substrates</td>
<td>Effort to propagation and release this species need to be continued. Habitat protection efforts should also be continued or extirpation is likely. Translocations have been started for this species in the Clinch River with positive results; gravid females have been found. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Panhandle pebblesnail</td>
<td><em>Somatogyrus virginicus</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Very clear flowing water with rocky substrates</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2c.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Pearl supercoil</td>
<td><em>Paravitrea calcicola</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Terrestrial</td>
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<td>Piedmont pondsnaill</td>
<td><em>Stagnicola neopalustris</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Freshwater</td>
<td>This species is known from only 1 global record in Orange County. A status assessment needs to be conducted for the species to see if it still occurs in VA or if it is extinct. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Pimple back</td>
<td><em>Quadrula pustulosa pustulosa</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>b</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>This species has generalized habitat preferences and can maintain abundant and viable populations in shallow to deep sections of large reservoirs as well as in small to medium-sized free-flowing rivers. It is usually found in a substrate consisting of coarse gravel, sand, and</td>
<td>This species is included within the Virginia Mussel Restoration Strategy. Propagation techniques need to be developed for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Pink heelsplitter</td>
<td><em>Potamilus alatus</em></td>
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<td>b</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>On a variety of substrates in slow to swiftly flowing water</td>
<td>This species is nearing extirpation in Virginia. Propagation techniques need to be developed. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3b. This ranking will be reconsidered when research needs have been addressed.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Pink mucket</td>
<td><em>Lampsilis abrupta</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Either flowing or standing water with gravel, sand, silt, or mud substrates</td>
<td>This species is likely extirpated from Virginia but it is included within the Upper Tennessee Mussel Restoration Plan. The restoration of this species is part of DGIF mussel propagation program and reintroductions have been initiated in the Clinch River. Reintroductions need to be monitored and cooperation with Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency needs to be continued for recovery of this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Pistolgrip</td>
<td><em>Tritogonia verrucosa</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>b</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Large rivers with gravel, sand, or mud substrates</td>
<td>Propagation techniques need to be developed and status assessment in New River is needed. This species is listed as threatened in VA. The species is restricted to the New River in VA has has seen a significant decline downstream of Claytor Dam. Large populations exist outside of the state so recovery is more likely than with other species where broodstock options are limited. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3b. This ranking will be reconsidered when the research needs have been addressed.</td>
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<td>Pocketbook mussel</td>
<td><em>Lampsilis ovata</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Either flowing or standing water with gravel, sand, silt, or mud substrates</td>
<td>This species is included within the Virginia Mussel Restoration Strategy and that propagation efforts should continue. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Purple bean</td>
<td><em>Villosa perpurpurea</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Headwaters, creeks, and rivers and can tolerate a variety of currents and substrates</td>
<td>This species is extremely rare in Virginia and is included in the Virginia Upper Tennessee Mussel Restoration Strategy. Propagation techniques have been developed for this species and need to be continued. Priority now is determining the best release sites for the species and properly identifying the species across its range since broodstock locations are limited. Villosa trabilis is similar to purple bean and taxonomic questions have arise regarding where each species actually exists. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Purple liliput</td>
<td><em>Toxolasma lividus</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Small to medium sized streams in well packed sand or gravel substrates</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2c.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Pygmy slitmouth</td>
<td><em>Stenotrema pilula</em></td>
<td>III</td>
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<td>Pyramid pigtoe</td>
<td><em>Pleurobema rubrum</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Medium and large rivers with flow and stable mud or mud/sand substrates</td>
<td>This species can be propagated and reintroduced into the Clinch River. A cooperative effort with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency would have the greatest chance of success. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Rayed bean</td>
<td><em>Villosa fabalis</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Flowing water in headwater creeks with sand and gravel substrates and vegetation</td>
<td>Although it is likely extirpated from Virginia, this species would benefit from translocation efforts. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency has a translocation program. Efforts in Virginia would benefit from a partnership with Pennsylvania.</td>
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<td>Ridged lioplax</td>
<td><em>Lioplax subcarinata</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clean water with slow currents and sandy substrates, most often found in rivers with stable shorelines and wide riparian forests.</td>
<td>A status assessment is needed for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Roanoke slabshell</td>
<td>Elliptio roanokensis</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Deeper channels of relatively fast flowing rivers</td>
<td>Propagation and restoration protocols need to be developed for this species. A more thorough status assessment may be needed as well given the difficulty in identifying this species from other <em>Elliptio</em>. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2b. This status will be reconsidered when these research needs have been addressed.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Rough pigtoe</td>
<td>Pleurobema plenum</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Medium to large rivers with sand, gravel, and cobble substrates</td>
<td>This species may be extirpated from Virginia. Propagation can be accomplished with this species through coordination with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and the species may be able to be re-established in the lower Clinch River as DGIF is currently attempting with <em>Lampsilis abrupta</em>. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Rough rabbitsfoot</td>
<td>Quadrula cylindrica</td>
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<td>Warm medium to large rivers with swift currents and silt, sand, gravel, or cobble substrates</td>
<td>This species is included in the Virginia mussel restoration strategy. Propagation techniques must be developed for this species. Water quality and habitat improvements must be continued to be made through BMPs and land-use management. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Round peaclam</td>
<td>Pisidium equilaterale</td>
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<td>Freshwater</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Seep mudalia</td>
<td>Leptoxis dilatata</td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>If this species is consistent with other species in this genus, clean mid-sized rivers with fast flows and rocky substrates</td>
<td>A status assessment is needed for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Sharp sprite</td>
<td>Promenetus exacuous</td>
<td>IV</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>No specific habitats have been identified for this aquatic snail but it occurs across most of North America</td>
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<td><em>Plethobasus cyphyus</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Warm large rivers and reservoirs with gravel and cobble substrates</td>
<td>This species is included in the Virginia Mussel Restoration Strategy. Propagation techniques must be developed for this species and water quality and habitat improvements must be continued to be made through BMPs and land-use management. Staff from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service indicate this species will be listed as endangered on April 12, 2015. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Shiny pigtoe</td>
<td><em>Fusconaia cor</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Moderate to swift current with stable sand, gravel, or cobble substrates</td>
<td>This species is very rare in Virginia and is included in the Upper Tennessee River Mussel Restoration Plan. Propagation techniques must be developed for this species. Water quality and habitat improvements must continue to be made through BMPs and land-use management. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>AQ Mollusks</td>
<td>Slabside pearlymussel</td>
<td><em>Lexingtonia dolabelloides</em></td>
<td>II a</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Large creeks to moderate rivers with moderate flow and gravel and sand substrates</td>
<td>This species is included within the Virginia Mussel Restoration Strategy and that Propagation techniques must be developed for this species. Water quality and habitat improvements must be continued to be made through BMPs and land-use management. Staff from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service indicate, &quot;This species has undergone significant rangewide decline, and in particularly drastic declines in Virginia. As a result, the species was federally listed as endangered October 28, 2013&quot;. They recommend this species be listed as a Tier 1c. Per further conversations with DGIF staff, this species will be listed as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Slippershell mussel</td>
<td><em>Alasmidonta viridis</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Headwater creeks and small streams with constant flow and mud, sand, or gravel substrates and aquatic vegetation</td>
<td>This species is extremely rare across VA and is rarely found despite the numerous surveys that have been conducted throughout the Upper TN River Basin. Recent live individuals have been found in Plum Creek, Tazwell County, and Copper Creek, Scott County, but the # of individuals ranged from 1 to 5. A thorough status assessment needs to be conducted for the species and if sufficient broodstock is located, propagation should be explored. Survey effort is needed to identify new populations. Preferred headwater stream protections are needed. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1b. This status will be reconsidered as these research needs are addressed.</td>
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<td>Small to medium sized creeks with swift current and sand, gravel, and cobble substrates</td>
<td>This species is included in the Virginia Mussel Restoration Strategy. It is a federally endangered species that has declined across its range. Propagation efforts need to continue. Staff from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recommend this species be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Spectaclecase</td>
<td><em>Cumberlandia</em> monodonta</td>
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<td>Occurs in large rivers in areas sheltered from the main current, often found in mud and rock substrates</td>
<td>This species is included within the Virginia Mussel Restoration strategy. Fish hosts for this species need to be identified so propagation can take place. This is the main priority with this species. Secondary efforts include identifying new populations, as well as protecting areas of preferred habitat (bluff pools with large flat rocks). Staff from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recommend this species be listed as a Tier 1 species. They indicate, &quot;This species has undergone rangewide decline and was federally listed as endangered on March 15, 2012.&quot; This species has undergone significant rangewide decline, and declines in Virginia are particularly notable. As a result, the species was federally listed as endangered April 12, 2012. The species is nearing extirpation from Virginia.&quot; This species will be prioritized as Tier 1b. This rating will be reconsidered when the research needs related to fish hosts has been addressed.</td>
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<td>Spider Elimia</td>
<td><em>Elimia</em> arachnoidea</td>
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<td>Little is known about this species' habitat needs. It has only been found in small streams.</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2c.</td>
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<td><em>Io</em> fluvialis</td>
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<td>Large rocks and bedrock outcrops in well-oxygenated shallow water with fast current.</td>
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<td>Creeks and small rivers with moderate flow and sand/gravel substrates</td>
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<td>Ponds, canals, and slow moving sections of rivers, often connected to the ocean. Can tolerate a wide variety of substrates</td>
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<td>Holsingeria unthanksensis</td>
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<td>Karst obligate that requires clean water flowing through the system.</td>
<td>Protection of cave habitat is critical for conservation of this species. Efforts to conserve water quality and quantity within karst systems are consistent with other action plan priorities. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Virginia pigtoe</td>
<td>Lexingtonia subplana</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Site specific - cool clean headwater streams with sand and gravel substrates</td>
<td>There are taxonomic questions surrounding this species and the species is likely simply Fusconaia masoni. A genetics project could be conducted but sites at which subplana was identified may no longer harbor the species. This species will be listed as Tier 1b. This ranking will be reconsidered when the genetic research need has been addressed.</td>
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<td>Virginia springsnail</td>
<td>Fontigens morrisoni</td>
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<td>Site specific caves and springs in Bath and Highland counties</td>
<td>Threats to this species results from impaired water quality and diminished water quality. This species is restricted to springs in Bath and Highland County, only 4 known sites, 2 of which have been confirmed in the past decade. Habitat protection with private landowners to protect these springs is the most critical thing that can be done but opportunities are limited. Efforts to conserve water quality and water quantity are consistent with other action plan priorities. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Yellow lampmussel</td>
<td>Lampsilis cariosa</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Large streams and rivers with low gradient and sand and gravel substrates</td>
<td>This species is only know from 3 river basins in VA, the Chowan, Potomac and Roanoke. The species is uncommon in the Nottoway and Meherrin Rivers in the Chowan Basin. The Dan River population was just discovered and only a few individuals were found. The Potomac Basin Population is in decline and the presence of a non-native Lampsilis species may be causing hybridization and loss of the species. Propagation and recovery of this species is currently underway at VFAWC and should be continued to augment existing populations and to recover the species in river basins like the James, Chickahominy and Rappahannock. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td><em>Elliptio lanceolata</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Requires slow currents with unsilted sandy substrates and can tolerate a various water sizes</td>
<td>This species has experienced significant declines across its range in VA. No stable populations are known. The species is currently under review for federal listing and likely warrants state listing. Propagation of this species is a must and coordination with North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission is likely needed to achieve this management strategy. NCWRC has been propagating this species for a few years so it can be done. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>American black duck</td>
<td><em>Anas rubripes</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Shallow margins of lakes, streams, bays mud flats, and open waters. Nests in both dry and wet woodlands. Wide variety of wetland habitats in both freshwater and marine situations, in and around marshes, swamps, ponds, lakes, bays, estuaries, and tidal flats.</td>
<td>The greatest management tool for black ducks and other waterfowl is developing hunting regulation to manage harvest and survival rates. Management actions for breeding black ducks include protecting and restoring nesting habitats and managing predator populations. Other management actions include reducing mute swan populations, controlling TMDLs and reducing eutrophication in the Chesapeake Bay to protect black duck food resources. There is also a critical research need for assessing and minimizing the threat of future wind farms in the Chesapeake Bay. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>American oystercatcher</td>
<td><em>Haematopus palliatus</em></td>
<td>II a</td>
<td>Shoreline</td>
<td>Barshore beaches, salt marshes and Chesapeake Bay islands and shorelines.</td>
<td>VA currently supports the largest Atlantic coast breeding population and the second highest winter population in the US range. Oystercatchers are on the 2015 US shorebirds of conservation concern watch list as a species requiring immediate management action (U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan Partnership 2015) and they ranked as a species of highest conservation concern in the New England/Mid-Atlantic Coast Bird Conservation Region (BCR30) Implementation Plan (BCR 30 Plan) winter list (ACJV 2008). Best management is already in place - the protection of the barrier islands and seaside marshes from development and most other human activities. Other on the ground management actions include continuation of predator control efforts, area closures and signage at key breeding sites on the barrier islands, Chesapeake Bay islands, and the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay, and public outreach to recreational boaters and beachgoers. Future management measures should include the identification and purchase of suitable inshore marshes and beaches to ensure that suitable breeding habitat is available as coastal fringe islands and marshes subside or become permanently inundated due to sea level rise (SLR) and climate change effects. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>American woodcock</td>
<td><em>Scolopax minor</em></td>
<td>IIa</td>
<td>Open Habitat</td>
<td>Ideal habitat consists of young forests and abandoned farmland mixed with forested land. Generally considered an edge species.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Bachman’s sparrow</td>
<td><em>Peucaea aestivalis</em></td>
<td>Ia</td>
<td>Open Woodland/Scrub</td>
<td>Pine savanna/open pine woodlands</td>
<td>The status of this state-threatened species in Virginia is precarious, but may be improved through re-introductions into stable habitat in mature pine savannas, such as those found on The Nature Conservancy’s Piney Grove Preserve in Sussex County. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Bank swallow</td>
<td><em>Riparia riparia</em></td>
<td>IIIc</td>
<td>Riparian/Coast</td>
<td>Habitat includes open and partly open situations, frequently near flowing water. Nests are in steep sand, dirt, or gravel banks, in burrows dug near the top of the bank, along the edge of inland water, or along the coast, or in gravel pits, road embankments, etc.</td>
<td>Recent analysis by DGIF biologists and conservation partners estimate that &gt;5,000 breeding pairs occur in the Commonwealth. Trend data is not available from the Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) for Virginia. However, trend analysis of the Eastern Region of the BBS has shown the Bank Swallow has shown a statistically significant decline of -7.67% for the time period of 1966 – 2012. The reasons for these declines are not well understood and information on abundance and distribution are lacking. DGIF staff indicate research should focus on abundance and distributional data, nest site surveys, and trend analysis. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td><em>Tyto alba</em></td>
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<td>Open Habitat</td>
<td>Fields of dense grass. Open and partly open country (grassland, marsh, lightly grazed pasture, hayfields) in a wide variety of situations, often around human habitation.</td>
<td>This species utilizes a variety of open vegetated habitats. This species’ habitat needs are consistent with actions outlined within Virginia’s Quail Action Plan and associated resources. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Belted Kingfisher</td>
<td><em>Megaceryle lcyon</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Primarily along water, both freshwater and marine, including lakes, streams, wooded creeks and rivers, seacoasts, bays, estuaries, and mangroves. Perches in trees, on overhanging branches, posts and utility wires.</td>
<td>The causes of the long-term decline, both in VA and elsewhere, are unclear. Several research efforts have been implemented to attempt to answer this question. None of these efforts have provided definitive results. Research should continue so that management efforts can be identified and implemented. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3b. This ranking will be reconsidered when research needs have been addressed.</td>
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<td>Bicknell’s thrush</td>
<td><em>Catharus bicknelli</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Migratory with weak habitat associations in Virginia</td>
<td>Virginia’s Eastern Shore is a critical migratory habitat for this species. The Bicknell’s throughsh’s needs during migration, along with those of scores of other migrant birds, are being actively addressed by the Southern Tip Partnership, of which DGIF is an active member. For over two decades the group has been active in land acquisition and restoration on the southern tip of Virginia’s Eastern Shore; it has protected and continues to manage over 24,000 acres for the benefit of migratory bird communities. DGIF should continue working with the partnership to enhance and expand the latter’s conservation efforts and capacity. Efforts to conserve and restore these habitats should continue. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Wetland</td>
<td>High saltmarsh</td>
<td>Black rails were recently listed as state endangered in VA and require immediate attention to stop its extirpation from the state. The greatest threats facing black rails in VA include habitat loss to SLR and climate change effects and avian and mammalian predator pressure (Wilson et al. 2009, Wilson and Watts 2014). Local management actions should include the identification and purchase of suitable inshore high marshes to provide breeding habitat as existing habitats are inundated due to SLR. Artificial impoundments can also be created to provide suitable habitat free of nest predators. Although a broad strategy and site-specific recommendations for managing impoundments still need to be developed, basic requirements include dense grasses that offer adequate cover and very low water levels (i.e., several centimeters in depth). This would require specific flooding and drawdown regimes timed specifically to produce optimal conditions for black rails. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Shoreline</td>
<td>Beach species that nests on bare sand</td>
<td>Over the last 20 years, the breeding population of black skimmers experienced significant declines (51%) in VA (Watts and Paxton 2014). Skimmers were identified as a 2014 species of high conservation concern by the Northwestern Atlantic Marine Bird Cooperative. The greatest threats facing skimmers in VA include habitat loss to SLR and climate change effects and avian and mammalian predator pressure. Most skimmer breeding sites are under permanent protection from development. Additional management measures that should be continued include predator management on the barrier islands, area closures, signage and outreach efforts at key nesting sites, and the suite conservation actions implemented at the Hampton Roads Bridge and Tunnel (HRBT). Future management actions may include the identification and purchase of suitable inshore high marshes and sandy shorelines to ensure future availability of breeding habitat as coastal fringe sites are lost to SLR. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Black-and-white warbler</td>
<td><em>Mniotilta varia</em></td>
<td>IV a</td>
<td></td>
<td>Shoreline</td>
<td></td>
<td>This forest-interior species is a habitat generalist with broad habitat tolerances, and enjoys a widespread distribution within Virginia. Like other area-sensitive species it is potentially subject to the negative effects of forest fragmentation. The species can benefit from conservation and management of large forest blocks. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Black-bellied plover (winter)</td>
<td><em>Pluvialis squatarola</em></td>
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<td>Shoreline</td>
<td>Winter resident along beaches and estuaries</td>
<td>Best management is already in place - the protection of the barrier islands and seaside marshes from development and most other human activities. Future management measures should include the identification and purchase of suitable inshore marshes and beaches to ensure that suitable breeding habitat is available as coastal fringe islands and marshes subside or become inundated due to SLR and climate change effects. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td><em>Coccyzus erythropthalmus</em></td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Forest edge and open woodland, both deciduous and coniferous, with dense deciduous thicket.</td>
<td>This species is threatened by habitat fragmentation and the decline of habitat quality. Research of these issues appears to be inconclusive and these topics need to be better evaluated with managers in other states to develop habitat treatments and other management strategies. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2b. This ranking will be reconsidered when these research needs are addressed.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Black-crowned night-heron</td>
<td><em>Nycticorax nycticorax</em></td>
<td>III a</td>
<td></td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Variety of marshes, swamps, and wooded streams</td>
<td>The greatest threats to black-crowned night herons in VA are loss of suitable breeding habitat to SLR and climate change effects, and to a lesser extent, predator impacts. Most breeding sites are under permanent protection from development and other human activities. Additional management measures should include area closures, signage and outreach efforts at Chesapeake Bay breeding sites and the identification and purchase of suitable inshore high marshes to ensure habitat is available as coastal fringe marshes subside or become permanently inundated. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Brant</td>
<td><em>Branta bernica</em></td>
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<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Saltmarshes and estuaries.</td>
<td>Atlantic brant winter trends in VA have been declining for the past 10 years (VDGIF, unpubl. data). The species was identified as a 2014 species of medium conservation concern by the Northwestern Atlantic Marine Bird Cooperative and are considered a highest priority species in the BCR 30 Plan (ACJV 2008). Wintering brant in VA spend most of their time in coastal seaside marshes and lagoon system. A significant management tool for the species is the development of annual hunting regulations to manage harvest and survival rates. Other important management actions include reestablishing eelgrass beds (SAV) in the coastal lagoon system, and controlling TMDLs and reducing eutrophication in the Chesapeake Bay to protect the species’ food resources. There is also a critical research need for assessing and minimizing the threat of future inshore and offshore wind farms. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Brown thrasher</td>
<td><em>Toxostoma rufum</em></td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Thickets and bushy areas in deciduous forest clearings and forest edge, shrubby areas and gardens; in migration and winter also in scrub.</td>
<td>This species utilizes early-successional habitats and would benefit from creation and maintenance of early-successional habitat. DGIF's efforts to create these habitats should continue. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Canada warbler</td>
<td><em>Cardellina canadensis</em></td>
<td>IV b</td>
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<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Breeding habitat includes moist thickets of woodland undergrowth (especially aspen-poplar), bogs, tall shrubbery along streams or near swamps, and deciduous second growth.</td>
<td>DGIF is looking toward the newly-formed Canada Warbler International Conservation Initiative for potential collaboration and for products that can help to guide conservation efforts for the species in Virginia. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4b. This ranking will be reconsidered after potential conservation actions have been evaluated.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Cerulean warbler</td>
<td><em>Setophaga cerulea</em></td>
<td>II a</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>A structurally mature hardwood forest in a mesic or wetter situation, with a closed canopy</td>
<td>This bird of mature forests thrives in areas with heterogeneity in the canopy structure. Because of this, it may respond well to disturbances that can contribute to gaps in the canopy (gypsy moth infestations, ice storms, silvicultural treatments). DGIF is actively participating in a regional collaborative effort in the Appalachians to refine existing silvicultural BMPs for the improvement of Cerulean Warbler habitat. Application of these BMPs should be achievable on a small scale. These efforts should continue. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Chimney swift</td>
<td><em>Chaetura pelagica</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>b</td>
<td>#N/A</td>
<td>Inhabits rural and urban environments having both an abundance of flying arthropods and suitable roosting/nesting sites.</td>
<td>This species is a diurnal aerial insectivore associated with a variety of habitats throughout its breeding range. It appears to be more prevalent in urban areas where there are greater concentrations of chimneys, which are used as nest sites and communal roosts (Steeves et al. 2014). As the availability of suitable nesting and roosting chimneys continues to decline, so does the swift population. Swifts will use a variety of other artificial structures, and the availability of chimneys may not be the limiting factor for all populations (Steeves et al. 2014). Aerial insectivores as a guild have declined in North America, so that swift declines may be tied to these broader declines. A better understanding of factors limiting swift populations is necessary in order to identify and enact effective conservation and management measures. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4b. This ranking will be reconsidered as these research needs are addressed.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Clapper rail</td>
<td><em>Rallus longirostris</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Saltmarshes</td>
<td>This species is threatened by the loss and degradation of wetland habitats. Identification, protection and management (e.g., phragmites control) of suitable marshes will be necessary to ensure continued habitat availability for these species, especially as coastal marshes subside or are threatened with sea level rise. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Common tern</td>
<td><em>Sterna hirundo</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Shoreline</td>
<td>Nests primarily on open dynamic beaches.</td>
<td>Most common tern breeding sites are under permanent protection from development. Additional management measures that should be continued include predator management on the barrier islands and conservation actions at the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel where this species nests in high numbers. Future management may include the identification and purchase of suitable inland marshes and sandy shorelines to ensure future availability of breeding habitat as coastal fringe sites are lost to sea level rise. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Dunlin</td>
<td><em>Calidris alpina hudsonia</em></td>
<td>IV a</td>
<td>Shorline</td>
<td>Winter resident shorelines and estuaries</td>
<td>Although dunlin winter trends are unknown in VA, they are on the 2015 Best management is already in place; the permanent protection of the barrier islands and seaside marshes. However, other wintering sites in the Chesapeake Bay, especially along the western shore, experience varying levels of human disturbance where additional management actions should be deployed such as dog leash laws and area closures on sand shoals and spits with heavy human disturbance. Future management actions may include the identification and purchase of suitable inshore marshes and sandy shorelines to ensure future availability of wintering habitat as coastal fringe sites are lost to SLR. Because of its widespread distribution on VA’s the coastal plain, dunlin make it a good umbrella species for all wintering shorebirds that share similar wintering habitats in the Commonwealth. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Eastern kingbird</td>
<td><em>Tyrannus tyrannus</em></td>
<td>IV a</td>
<td>Open</td>
<td>Forest edge, open situations with scattered trees and shrubs, cultivated lands with bushes and fencerows, and parks; in winter more closely associated with forest clearings and borders.</td>
<td>This species utilizes early-successional habitats and would benefit from creation and maintenance of early-successional habitat. DGIF’s efforts to create these habitats should continue. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Eastern meadowlark</td>
<td><em>Sturnella magna</em></td>
<td>IV a</td>
<td>Open</td>
<td>Grasslands, savanna, open fields, pastures, cultivated lands, sometimes marshes.</td>
<td>This species is a relatively common grassland obligate species which have been undergoing steep declines. These are primarily thought to be due to habitat loss, fragmentation and degradation, though recent studies have also implicated pesticides in the decline of grassland bird populations. Both species would benefit from grassland management and farmland conservation practices, conservation of large blocks of intact grassland, as well as from altered mowing regimes that would improve productivity. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td><em>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</em></td>
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<td>Open Habitat</td>
<td>Inhabits forest and swamp edges, regenerating clearcuts, open-canopied forests, particularly those with a well-developed understory, reclaimed strip mines, mid-late successional fields, riparian thickets, overgrown fencerows, shrub/small-tree thickets, and other brushy habitats.  This species utilizes early-successional habitats and would benefit from creation and maintenance of early-successional habitat. DGIF’s efforts to create these habitats should continue. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Eastern Whippoorwill</td>
<td><em>Antrostomus vociferus</em></td>
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<td>a</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Forest and open woodland, from lowland moist and deciduous forest to montane forest and pine-oak association. This species is associated with deciduous and mixed forests with open understories (Cink 2002). A variety of additional open habitats may be used for foraging, including fallow fields, croplands, shrublands and regenerating pine stands (Wilson and Watts 2008). Spatial proximity of such habitats to open forests may be beneficial to the species (Wilson and Watts 2008); for example, interspersed harvested patches with mid-rotation patches in managed pine plantations. The species can benefit from conservation, restoration and management of forests with the appropriate degree of openness and/or juxtaposition with open habitats. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Eastern wood-pewee</td>
<td><em>Contopus virens</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>b</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Inhabits a wide variety of wooded upland and lowland habitats including deciduous, coniferous, or mixed forests. The Pewee is a common bird with a widespread distribution in Virginia. It is a habitat generalist of forested habitats, breeding in both deciduous and coniferous forest and using both interior and edge (including suburban) habitats. High deer populations are potentially implicated in its declines through disturbance via browsing of the intermediate canopy where Pewees forage (McCarty 1996). A better understanding of factors limiting Pewee populations is necessary in order to identify and enact effective conservation and management measures. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4b. This ranking will be reconsidered as these research needs are addressed.</td>
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<td>Spizella pusilla</td>
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<td>Open Habitat</td>
<td>Old fields, brushy hillsides, overgrown pastures, thorn scrub, deciduous forest edge, sparse second growth, fencerows.</td>
<td>This species utilizes early-successional habitats and would benefit from creation and maintenance of early-successional habitat. DGIF's efforts to create these habitats should continue. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Forster’s tern</td>
<td>Sterna forsteri</td>
<td>III a</td>
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<td>Shoreline</td>
<td>Nests in marine and estuarine marshes.</td>
<td>Forster’s Tern nest in low marsh habitats susceptible to sea level rise and marsh subsidence. Thus, the identification and purchase of suitable inland marshes to offset loss of existing marshes should be undertaken. Other potential management options include building nest platforms in marshes. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Glossy ibis</td>
<td>Plegadis falcinellus</td>
<td>I a</td>
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<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Wooded wetlands, estuarine marshes and waters and saltmarshes.</td>
<td>Most glossy ibis breeding sites are under permanent protection from development. Predator management on those barrier islands where this species nests should be continued. Future management may include the identification and purchase of suitable inland high marshes to ensure future availability of breeding habitat as coastal fringe sites are lost to sea level rise. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Golden Eagle</td>
<td><em>Aquila chrysaetos</em></td>
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<td>Open Habitat</td>
<td>Inhabit open and semi-open country such as prairies, sagebrush, arctic and alpine tundra, savanna or sparse woodland, and barren areas, especially in hilly or mountainous regions, in areas with sufficient mammalian prey base and near suitable nesting sites.</td>
<td>The Golden Eagles in the eastern United States represent a distinct and unique sub-population of only 2,000-5,000 individuals. This is a migratory population that breeds solely in Canada and primarily winters in the Appalachian Mountains from New York to Alabama. A sizable portion (10–20%) of this population winters in Virginia. Known threats include incidental take by fur trappers and lead poisoning that results from birds feeding on carrion containing the fragments of lead bullets. Eagle habitat overlaps with areas designated as prime sites for wind energy development. Incidental take by trapping can be greatly diminished by changing trapping regulations and education related to use of bait and terrestrial sets used by trappers. Minimizing lead poisoning could be reduced through educating hunters of proper disposal of offal piles and use of non-lead ammunition. Wind turbine siting can be modified by utilization of risk assessment models developed by Katzner et. al. These models likely will greatly minimize strike risk but allow siting of turbines in areas of high wind production and low eagle use. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Golden-winged warbler</td>
<td><em>Vermivora chrysoptera</em></td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Open shrubby habitat (ex. old fields and pastures) at mid to high elevations within broader forested matrix west of the Blue Ridge Mountains.</td>
<td>In Virginia, this habitat specialist breeds in open, shrubby habitats within a forested context at mid- to high-elevations within the Appalachian Mountains. ‘Working Lands for Wildlife’ has been established to improve the species’ status via habitat management on private lands aided by federal cost-share. DGIF leads the VA Golden-winged Warbler Partners group to assist with implementation of the program and to enable collaboration with state and regional partners on research and conservation actions. DGIF is also an active participant in the international Golden-winged Warbler Working Group, which in 2012 released a Status Review and Conservation Plan for the species. These efforts should continue. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td><em>Ammodramus savannarum</em></td>
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<td>a</td>
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<td>This species is a relatively common grassland obligate species which have been undergoing steep declines. These are primarily thought to be due to habitat loss, fragmentation and degradation, though recent studies have also implicated pesticides in the decline of grassland bird populations. This species would benefit from grassland management and farmland conservation practices, conservation of large blocks of intact grassland, as well as from altered mowing regimes that would improve productivity. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Gray catbird</td>
<td><em>Dumetella carolinensis</em></td>
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<td>a</td>
<td>Open Habitat</td>
<td>Thickets, dense brushy and shrubby areas, undergrowth of forest edge, hedgerows, and gardens, dense second growth.</td>
<td>This species utilizes early-successional habitats and would benefit from creation and maintenance of early-successional habitat. DGIF’s efforts to create these habitats should continue. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Greater scaup</td>
<td><em>Aythya marila</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Lake/Pond</td>
<td>Winter resident on tidal rivers</td>
<td>Wintering scaup in VA spend most of their time in coastal nearshore waters, especially near and south of the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay, in the open waters of the lower and middle Chesapeake Bay, and up the major river systems within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. A significant management tool for the species is the development of annual hunting regulations to manage harvest and survival rates. Other important management actions include controlling TMDLs and reducing eutrophication in the Chesapeake Bay to protect the species’ benthic food resources. There is also a critical research need for assessing and minimizing the threat of future inshore and offshore wind farms. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Green heron</td>
<td><em>Butorides virescens</em></td>
<td>IV b</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Swamps, mangroves, marshes, and margins of ponds, rivers, lakes, and lagoons.</td>
<td>Green herons nesting on the coastal plain experienced a significant 20-year decline (68%; Watts and Paxton 2014) in this part of the state. Because VA’s colonial waterbird surveys are confined to the coastal plain, the statewide population is unknown. This species should remain as a SGCN until we have a better handle on statewide population and distribution and ensure some level of protection for the declining coastal population. Nearly half of the green heron coastal population occurs in urban areas; thus, the development of an urban nesting waterbird management plan will provide the necessary guidance to manage these species in urban environments. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4b. This ranking will be reconsidered as planning and research needs are addressed.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Gull-billed tern</td>
<td><em>Gelochelidon nilotica</em></td>
<td>I a</td>
<td>Shoreline</td>
<td>Nests on open sandy beaches and marsh shell rakes.</td>
<td>Gull-billed terns are a state threatened species. Over the last 20 years, gull-billed terns experienced significant declines (-51.5%) in VA (Watts and Paxton 2014). Moreover, gull-billed terns are considered a species of high conservation concern by the Northwestern Atlantic Marine Bird Cooperative. The greatest threats facing the terns in VA include habitat loss to SLR and climate change effects and avian and mammalian predator pressure. Most gull-billed tern breeding sites are under permanent protection from development. Additional management measures that should be continued include predator management on the barrier islands, area closures, signage and outreach efforts at key nesting sites, and conservation actions implemented at the HRBT. Future management actions may include the identification and purchase of suitable inshore marshes and sandy shorelines to ensure future availability of breeding habitat as coastal fringe sites are lost to SLR. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Henslow’s sparrow</td>
<td><em>Ammodramus henslowii</em></td>
<td>I a</td>
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<td>Open vegetated</td>
<td>Open fields and meadows with grass interspersed with weeds or shrubby vegetation, especially in damp or low-lying areas, adjacent to salt marsh in some areas</td>
<td>Efforts to manage habitat at the Radford Arsenal should continue. Monitoring this population should be more consistent. Given its longevity and relative stability, the population at the Radford Arsenal may play an important role in the recovery of the species in Virginia. The addition of a monitoring component would be important in gauging whether current management efforts are benefiting the breeding population. Lastly, DGIF should work with land managers at the Radford Arsenal to adopt relevant conservation actions outlined in the national Conservation Plan as a first step in adapting the Plan to VA. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Kentucky warbler</td>
<td><em>Geothlypis formosa</em></td>
<td>III a</td>
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<td>Forest/wetland</td>
<td>Humid deciduous forest, dense second growth, swamps.</td>
<td>This species is associated with bottomland hardwoods and woods near streams with dense understory, often at low elevations. Although some deleterious and some beneficial silvicultural practices have been identified (McDonald 2013), BMPs to benefit Kentucky Warbler have not been generated. The species is potentially sensitive to forest fragmentation (Dunn and Garret 1997). The species can benefit from conservation, restoration and management of large forest blocks and of vegetated riparian corridors. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td><em>Rallus elegans</em></td>
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<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Variety of fresh water and marine marshes and wetlands</td>
<td>This species occupies marshes of different salinity gradients, and all populations are threatened by wetland loss and degradation. Identification, protection and management (ex. phragmites control) of suitable marshes will be necessary to ensure continued habitat availability for these species, especially as coastal marshes subside or are threatened with sea level rise. A DGIF-funded study is currently underway to characterize King and Clapper Rail populations in a potentially important area of co-occurrence and to develop a methodology to distinguish between the higher-ranked King Rail and the lower-ranked Clapper Rail by ear. This will allow for identification of important King Rail sites in order to prioritize conservation efforts toward the latter in areas of potential co-occurrence. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2b. This ranking will be reconsidered when the research needs are addressed.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Laughing Gull</td>
<td><em>Leucophaeus atricilla</em></td>
<td>IV a</td>
<td>Beach/open water</td>
<td>Seacoasts, bays, estuaries, rarely on large inland bodies of water.</td>
<td>The LAGU breeding population in Northampton Co. has declined significantly (~80%) due to SLR and marsh subsidence. Similar declines occurred in the seaside marshes behind Cedar and Parramore islands in Accomack County. However, there are several LAGU control programs in place to benefit other nesting birds or increase human safety (i.e., Chincoteague NWR staff control LAGU numbers on Assateague Island at key piping plover breeding areas; USDA Wildlife Services shoot and harass LAGUs at commercial and military airports; and an annual LAGU egg oiling program is in place at the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT) designed to reduce LAGU reproductive success and discourage them from nest there). DGIF staff should continue to engage in discussions pertaining to controlling LAGUs for the benefit of other breeding waterbirds and human safety. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Least bittern</td>
<td><em>Ixobrychus exilis</em></td>
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<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Freshwater marshes</td>
<td>This species is threatened by the loss and degradation of wetland habitats. Identification, protection and management (ex. phragmites control) of suitable marshes will be necessary to ensure continued habitat availability for these species, especially as coastal marshes subside or are threatened with sea level rise. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Least tern</td>
<td><em>Sterna antillarum</em></td>
<td>III a</td>
<td>Shoreline</td>
<td>Nest on open beaches</td>
<td>While over half of VA’s LETE pop nests on the protected barrier islands, significant numbers nest at sites with a high degree of human disturbance including Craney Island Dredge material Disposal Area, Grandview Nature Preserve and at 2 mall rooftops. Management actions (e.g., signage, outreach efforts, area closures, etc.) at these sites need to continue as does predator management on the barrier islands. Future management may include the identification and purchase of suitable inshore shorelines to ensure future availability of breeding habitat as coastal fringe sites are lost to SLR. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Little blue heron</td>
<td><em>Egretta caerulea</em></td>
<td>II a</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Freshwater and brackish marshes</td>
<td>The greatest threats to the species in VA are loss of suitable breeding habitat to SLR and climate change effects, and to a lesser extent, predator impacts. Most breeding sites are under permanent protection from development and other human activities. Predator management, area closures, signage and outreach efforts should continue on the barrier islands where this species nests. Future management measures should include area closures, signage and outreach efforts at Chesapeake Bay and western shore sites and the identification and purchase of suitable inshore high marshes to ensure habitat is available as coastal fringe marshes subside or become permanently inundated. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Loggerhead shrike</td>
<td><em>Lanius ludovicianus</em></td>
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<td>Open vegetated</td>
<td>Grasslands, orchards and open areas with scattered trees</td>
<td>The Loggerhead Shrike Working Group, with DGIF as a founding member, has begun addressing research needs through a regionally-coordinated project which is expected to produce a conservation plan for the species, which is state-threatened in Virginia. The project includes trapping and banding of shrikes and subsequent monitoring, with much of the work taking place on private lands. Because this entails coordination with the landowner, it also provides an opportunity for outreach and to enhance the conservation potential of the sites. These efforts should continue. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Marbled godwit</td>
<td><em>Limosa fedoa</em></td>
<td>IV a</td>
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<td>Shoreline</td>
<td>Seaside lagoon system throughout the winter.</td>
<td>Best management is already in place; the permanent protection of the barrier islands and seaside marshes. However, other wintering sites in the Chesapeake Bay, especially along the western shore, experience varying levels of human disturbance where additional management actions should be deployed such as dog leash laws and area closures on sand shoals and spits with heavy human disturbance. Future management actions may include the identification and purchase of suitable inshore marshes and sandy shorelines to ensure future availability of wintering habitat as coastal fringe sites are lost to SLR. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Marsh wren</td>
<td><em>Cistothorus palustris</em></td>
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<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Freshwater marshes with cattails and reeds</td>
<td>This species is threatened by the loss and degradation of wetland habitats. Identification, protection and management (ex. phragmites control) of suitable marshes will be necessary to ensure continued habitat availability for these species, especially as coastal marshes subside or are threatened with sea level rise. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td><em>Ammodramus nelsoni</em></td>
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<td>a</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Wintertime resident of maritime wetlands</td>
<td>This species is threatened by the loss and degradation of wetland habitats. Identification, protection and management (ex. phragmites control) of suitable marshes will be necessary to ensure continued habitat availability for these species, especially as coastal marshes subside or are threatened with sea level rise. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Northern bobwhite</td>
<td><em>Colinus virginianus</em></td>
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<td>Open Habitat</td>
<td>Early successional habitats including croplands, grasslands, pastures, grass-brush rangelands, and open forests</td>
<td>DGIF has an active, multi-faceted Quail Recovery Initiative, including a landowner outreach and technical support program through Private Lands Biologists, a multi-partner Virginia Quail Council and a Northern Bobwhite Quail Action Plan for Virginia, among other components. These efforts should continue. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Northern Flicker</td>
<td><em>Colaptes auratus</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>b</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Open forest, both deciduous and coniferous, open woodland, open situations with scattered trees and snags, riparian woodland, pine-oak association, parks.</td>
<td>Causes of this species' decline are not immediately apparent. The species is fairly plastic in its selection of habitat, utilizing woodlands, forest edges, open fields with scattered trees, as well as city parks and suburbs. Habitat does not appear to be a limiting factor. Hypotheses relating to the decline of Flicker populations include competition from European Starlings for nest cavities; declining availability of suitable nest-cavity substrate (snags, dead limbs, and live trees with heart rot via suburban expansion, dead and diseased tree removal from urban and suburban areas, and ineffective dead-limb maintenance policies on public lands); and pesticide application on golf courses, agricultural fields and suburban lawns (Wiebe and Moore 2008). While management policies relating to snag retention on public lands can be pursued at any time, properly identifying factors limiting Flicker populations is an important first step. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4b. This ranking will be reconsidered when research needs have been addressed.</td>
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<td>Northern Gannet</td>
<td><em>Morus bassanus</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Coastal waters primarily but sometimes several hundred miles out to sea.</td>
<td>A significant number of gannets winter in and near the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay and in nearshore ocean waters. Management actions include controlling TMDLs and reducing eutrophication in the Chesapeake Bay to protect gannets’ food resources. There is also a critical research need for assessing and minimizing the threat of future wind farms in the Chesapeake Bay and in offshore waters. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Northern harrier</td>
<td><em>Circus cyaneus</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Wetland and Open habitat</td>
<td>Marshes, meadows, grasslands, and cultivated fields.</td>
<td>Harriers occur in relatively low numbers as breeders in Virginia, where they may be found using both open marshes and open upland grassland habitat. Their numbers swell during the winter with the influx of migrants, and it is this winter population that should be the focus of conservation efforts. Like other grassland species, harriers rely on relatively large tracts, such that preserving and restoring blocks of native grasslands is a high priority conservation action for this species. Wintering harriers will likewise use emergent wetlands; identification, protection and management (ex. phragmites control) of suitable marshes will be necessary to ensure continued habitat availability for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Northern Pintail</td>
<td><em>Anas acuta</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Wetland/Aquatic</td>
<td>Lakes, rivers, marshes and ponds in grasslands or cultivated fields.</td>
<td>The greatest management tool for pintails and other waterfowl is developing hunting regulations to manage harvest and survival rates. Other management actions include reducing mute swan populations, controlling TMDLs and reducing eutrophication in the Chesapeake Bay to protect pintail food resources. There is also a critical research need for assessing and minimizing the threat of future wind farms in the Chesapeake Bay. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Northern rough-winged swallow</td>
<td><em>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Open Habitat</td>
<td>Open and partly open situations, especially along watercourses with steep banks, and roadside cuts</td>
<td>Basic population and life history information is lacking for this species. Therefore few if any management opportunities are currently available due to this information gap. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Northern saw-whet owl</td>
<td>Aegolius acadicus</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Higher elevation coniferous woodlands in Blue Ridge and mountains west of Shenandoah River</td>
<td>Very little is known about this species in Virginia. Beyond targeted Northern Saw-whet Owl banding during migration and winter, the only survey work on the species to date in Virginia was a targeted Foray conducted by the Virginia Society of Ornithology in 2006 (Dolby and Mellinger 2006), which detected individuals along 7 of 16 routes surveyed. It is recommended that these efforts be expanded in order to gain a better baseline understanding of the status of Saw-whets in the Appalachians of Virginia, including distribution, abundance and gross habitat and landscape-level characteristics. Another significant data gap is population trend, as the species is not adequately monitored by existing programs. Such an effort would probably require at least a decade worth of monitoring prior to yielding robust trend data. If pursued, such an effort should take place at a broad scale that encompasses the entire southern Appalachian population; this could perhaps be accomplished in cooperation with an entity such as the Appalachian Mountains Joint Venture, which lists the Northern Saw-whet Owl as a Moderate Priority species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c. This status will be reconsidered when research needs have been addressed.</td>
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<td>Peregrine falcon</td>
<td>Falco peregrinus</td>
<td>Ia</td>
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<td>Mountains/Urban</td>
<td>Human structures in the east and cliff sites in the west</td>
<td>Recovery of this state-threatened species is currently the focus of efforts by DGIF and its partners. DGIF supports monitoring and management of the coastal population, and leads efforts to survey and monitor the mountain population, which is key to the species’ recovery in Virginia. Targeted hacking has proven to be successful at two sites in the mountains (Shenandoah National Park, Breaks Interstate Park) and could be expanded to additional sites; the number of occupied sites in the mountains has grown in recent years, and surveys are underway to document new breeding sites. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Red crossbill (Type I)</td>
<td><em>Loxia curvirostra</em></td>
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<td>Red knot</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Shoreline</td>
<td>Barrier beaches and sand spits</td>
<td>Predator management, area closures, signage and outreach efforts should continue on the barrier islands. Deployment of nest exclosures on Assateague and Assawoman islands should continue as deemed necessary by refuge staff. Future management may include the identification and purchase of suitable inshore beaches to ensure future availability of breeding habitat as coastal fringe sites are lost to sea level rise. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>c</td>
<td></td>
<td>Shoreline</td>
<td>Winter resident along beaches and jetties</td>
<td>Managers need to confirm distribution of this species and determine VA population status before on-the-ground management actions can be identified. Most occur on rock revetments and other artificial structures; thus, managers may be able to identify additional protective measures for these artificial habitats. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>c</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Spruce-fir or hemlock forests above 4000 feet</td>
<td>There are likely &lt;500 breeding pairs of Red Crossbill in Virginia and the Virginia population does not significantly contribute to the overall population (Area Importance Score &lt;2). However, despite the low Area Importance score this species should be kept on the WAP list as it serves as a representative of the Spruce-Fir forest communities (albeit and imperfect representative as it is nomadic). The only actions identified include developing a population assessment, trend analysis, and implementing general life history studies. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td>Shoreline</td>
<td>Migrant along barrier islands and to a lesser extent in the Chesapeake Bay.</td>
<td>Best management is already in place - the protection of the barrier islands and seaside marshes. There are outstanding issues such as the impacts of peregrine falcons on knots that should be researched as well as SLR impacts to habitat and prey availability. Future management actions may include the identification and purchase of suitible inshore marshes and beaches to ensure future availability of stopover habitat as coastal fringe sites are lost to SLR. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td><em>Picoides borealis</em></td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Pine savanna</td>
<td>DGIF continues its annual support of Red-cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) surveys at The Nature Conservancy’s Piney Grove Preserve, where the only known Virginia population of this federally endangered species resides. The surveys are used to monitor the status of the small population and to guide management at the Preserve. Standardized management prescriptions are outlined in the Federal Recovery Plan for the species, and are well-documented and used across its range. In addition, there is a draft VA Conservation Plan for the woodpecker to help guide conservation actions. Finally, DGIF participates in an active partnership of RCW Cooperators in VA which continues to move forward with management, land acquisition and conservation planning for the species. These efforts should continue. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Red-throated loon</td>
<td><em>Gavia stellata</em></td>
<td>IV a</td>
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<td>Shoreline</td>
<td>Primarily bays, seacoasts and estuaries, less frequently on lakes and rivers (nonbreeding).</td>
<td>A significant number of red-throated loons winter in and near the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay, in the seaside lagoon system (in some years) and in nearshore ocean waters. Management actions include controlling TMDLs and reducing eutrophication in the Chesapeake Bay to protect the loon’s food resources. There is also a critical research need for assessing and minimizing the threat of future wind farms in the Chesapeake Bay and in offshore waters. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Royal tern</td>
<td><em>Thalasseus maximus</em></td>
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<td>Shoreline</td>
<td>Sandy beaches</td>
<td>Currently, nearly the entire breeding pop occurs at the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel where they require considerable management (i.e., avian (gull) predator control, area closures to vehicular and human traffic, barriers to keep young from entering I-64, vegetation management). Future management may include the identification and purchase of suitable inshore shorelines to ensure future availability of breeding habitat as coastal fringe sites are lost to SLR. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Ruffed Grouse</td>
<td><em>Bonasa umbellus</em></td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Dense forest with some deciduous trees, in both wet and relatively dry situations from boreal forest (especially early seral stages dominated by aspen) and northern hardwood ecotone to eastern deciduous forest and oak-savanna woodland.</td>
<td>Grouse numbers have declined as open habitats have been developed or lost due to natural succession. VDGIF and partners are working collaboratively under the auspices of the national Ruffed Grouse Conservation Plan (Dessecker et al. 2006) in order to create open habitats to benefits this species and other. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Rusty blackbird</td>
<td><em>Euphagus carolinus</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>b</td>
<td>Open vegetated</td>
<td>Wooded swamp and wooded wetland winter habitat</td>
<td>This boreal breeder winters in Virginia and across the southeastern United States. The International Rusty Blackbird Technical Working Group was formed in 2005 to guide collaborative research and conservation efforts for the species across both its breeding and wintering range. As an active participant in the Group, DGIF guided VA’s 2009-2011 participation in Winter Blitzes for the species. Migration Blitzes, being coordinated in VA by the Virginia Society of Ornithology, are entering their 2nd year. The Blitzes have provided us with information on general distribution and flock size relative to other parts of the wintering range. Although the Blackbird is more numerous south of VA, Virginia still has a role to play in the species’ recovery. Winter ecology research over the past several years has focused on populations in the more southern part of the range; such research may not be completely applicable to VA due to differences in the availability of some of the primary habitats that are used (ex. pecan orchards). Coordination with the Working Group is expected to continue as the Group moves toward drafting a Conservation Plan. This species will be prioritized as Tier4b. This ranking will be reconsidered as this planning need is addressed.</td>
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<td><em>Ammomramus caudacutus</em></td>
<td>III</td>
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<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Maritime wetlands around estuaries and barrier islands</td>
<td>There are estimated &lt;5,000 breeding pairs and populations are presumed to have experienced moderate declines over the past 50 years. This species is threatened by wetland loss and degradation. Identification, protection and management (ex. phragmites control) of suitable marshes will be necessary to ensure continued habitat availability for this species, especially as coastal marshes subside or are threatened with sea level rise. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Sanderling</td>
<td><em>Calidris alba</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Beaches and mudflats</td>
<td>Primarily sandy beaches, less frequently on mud flats and shores of lakes or rivers also on exposed reefs.</td>
<td>Best management action is already in place; the protection of the barrier islands and seaside marshes. Other wintering sites such as Grandview Nature Preserve and the eastern and western shore of the Chesapeake Bay may require additional protection to minimize human disturbance during the winter. Future management may include the identification and purchase of suitable inshore high marshes to ensure future availability of wintering habitat as coastal fringe sites are lost to SLR. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Seaside sparrow</td>
<td><em>Ammomramus maritimus</em></td>
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<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Grassy salt marshes</td>
<td>This species is threatened by the loss and degradation of wetland habitats. Identification, protection and management (ex. phragmites control) of suitable marshes will be necessary to ensure continued habitat availability for these species, especially as coastal marshes subside or are threatened with sea level rise. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td><em>Limnodromus griseus</em></td>
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<td>Shoreline</td>
<td>Migrant, migration habitat includes saltwater tidal flats, beaches, and salt marshes</td>
<td>Best management is already in place - the protection of the barrier islands and seaside marshes, which are key stopover sites in VA. However, other migration sites in the Chesapeake Bay, especially along the western shore, experience varying levels of human disturbance where additional management actions should be deployed such as dog leash laws and area closures on sand shoals and spits with heavy human disturbance. Future management actions may include the identification and purchase of suitable inshore marshes and sandy shorelines to ensure future availability of stopover habitat as coastal fringe sites are lost to SLR. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Snowy Egret</td>
<td><em>Egretta thula</em></td>
<td>II a</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Marshes, lakes, ponds, lagoons, mangroves, and shallow coastal habitats.</td>
<td>Most SNEG breeding sites are under permanent protection from development. Predator management on those barrier islands where SNEGs nest should be continued. Future management may include the identification and purchase of suitable inshore high marshes to ensure future availability of breeding habitat as coastal fringe sites are lost to SLR. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Swainson's warbler</td>
<td><em>Limnothlypis swainsonii</em></td>
<td>II c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Forested moist lower slopes with a rhododendron shrub layer</td>
<td>In Virginia the species has two disjunct populations: one occurring in the Southeast Coastal Plain in association with bottomland hardwoods and cane stands, the other one in the Appalachian Mountains in association with rhododendron thickets and cove hardwoods. Little work has been conducted on either population. Gaining a better understanding of the species’ status in VA, as well as its limiting factors, is a priority that will lead to identification and enactment of management actions. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2c.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Virginia rail</td>
<td><em>Rallus limicola</em></td>
<td>IV a</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Fresh and brackish marshes, may visit salt marsh in winter</td>
<td>This species is threatened by the loss and degradation of wetland habitats. Identification, protection and management (ex. phragmites control) of suitable marshes will be necessary to ensure continued habitat availability for these species, especially as coastal marshes subside or are threatened with sea level rise. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td><strong>Birds</strong></td>
<td>Wayne’s black-throated green warbler</td>
<td><em>Setophaga virens waynei</em></td>
<td>Ic</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Cypress and white cedar swamps</td>
<td>The Wayne’s Warbler is a subspecies of the Black-throated Green Warbler. The Black-throated Green Warbler occurs in Virginia in two distinct, reproductively isolated populations: one in the Appalachian Mountains, the other (S.v. waynei) in the Southeast Coastal Plain. The latter is a small population breeding in coastal swamps from Virginia to South Carolina. Within Virginia, it is currently documented only from the Great Dismal Swamp. Gaining a better understanding of this subspecies’ status and distribution in Virginia is a priority that will enable identification and enactment of management actions. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<td><strong>Birds</strong></td>
<td>Whimbrel</td>
<td><em>Numenius phaeopus</em></td>
<td>IVa</td>
<td>Shoreline</td>
<td>Coastal migrant that typically occurs in a variety of saltmarsh habitats.</td>
<td>Best management is already in place; the protection of the barrier islands and seaside marshes. Other less used stopover sites may require additional protection measures such as dog leash laws and area closures on sand shoals and spits with heavy human disturbance. Future management actions may include the identification and purchase of suitable inshore marshes and sandy shorelines to ensure future availability of stopover habitat as coastal fringe sites are lost to SLR. Work is ongoing to develop morphometric and genetic techniques to identify sub-populations to better understand the extent of mixing and clarify population-level implications. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Birds</strong></td>
<td>Willet</td>
<td><em>Tringa semipalmata</em></td>
<td>IIIa</td>
<td>#N/A</td>
<td>#N/A</td>
<td>DGIF staff have recommended this species be added to the SGCN list as a Tier 3a species. WILLs breed on the barrier islands and in seaside, Chesapeake Bay and coastal river marshes. Identified management actions for this species includes: continued predator and human disturbance management on the barrier islands; human disturbance management on western shore recreational beaches through area closures, signage and outreach efforts; and the identification and purchase of suitable inshore marshes and sandy shorelines to ensure habitat is available in the future as coastal fringe marshes subside or become inundated. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Wilson's plover</td>
<td>Charadrius wilsonia</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Shoreline</td>
<td>Barrier beaches</td>
<td>Although VA is the northern extreme of the Wilson’s plover nesting range, annual productivity rates suggests the species’ breeding population should be increasing rather than remaining static (25-30 prs). In 2014, a working group was formed because of rangewide population concerns which will provide an opportunity to collaborate on rangewide research efforts such as banding and resighting birds to determine site fidelity, survivorship, and age at first breeding. Locally, predator management, area closures, signage and outreach efforts should continue on the barrier islands, where VA’s entire breeding population occurs. Future management may include the identification and purchase of suitable inshore beaches to ensure future availability of breeding habitat as coastal fringe sites are lost to SLR. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Birds</td>
<td>Wood thrush</td>
<td>Hylocichla mustelina</td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>b</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Deciduous or mixed forests with a dense tree canopy and a fairly well-developed deciduous understory, especially where moist.</td>
<td>While forest conservation and management on the breeding grounds are actions that have already been identified for the Wood throughsh, this is one of the first songbird species for which a full-life cycle model is being developed by the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Institute. The model will identify limiting factors in different stages of the species’ life cycle, which will allow for identification and prioritization of conservation actions in the appropriate geographic regions (ex. breeding vs. wintering grounds). This species will be listed as Tier 4b, until research needs are addressed.</td>
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<td>Birds</td>
<td>Yellow-billed cuckoo</td>
<td>Coccyzus americanus</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Open woodland (especially where undergrowth is thick), parks, deciduous riparian woodland.</td>
<td>This species is associated with open woodland with clearings and shrubby vegetation, and is often associated with watercourses (Hughes 1999). It is thought to be sensitive to habitat fragmentation and to degradation of riparian woodlands (Hughes 1999). The species can benefit from conservation, restoration and management of large forest blocks and of vegetated riparian corridors. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Yellow-breasted chat</td>
<td>Icteria virens</td>
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<td>Open Habitat</td>
<td>Second growth, shrubby old pastures, thickets, bushy areas, scrub, woodland undergrowth, and fence rows, including low wet places near streams, pond edges, or swamps; thickets with few tall trees; early successional stages of forest regeneration; commonly in sites close to human habitation</td>
<td>This species utilizes early-successional habitats and would benefit from creation and maintenance of early-successional habitat. DGIF’s efforts to create these habitats should continue. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Yellow-crowned night-heron</td>
<td>Nyctanassa violacea</td>
<td>II</td>
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<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Marshes, swamps, lakes, lagoons, and mangroves; chiefly coastal.</td>
<td>This species is threatened by the loss of suitable habitat to development, SLR, erosion and marsh subsidence. 97% of the current population breeds in urban neighborhoods and we have identified “on the ground” species management strategies that have showed some signs of success (working with communities and residents to discourage birds from nesting in areas where they are considered a nuisance. In addition, the development of an urban nesting waterbird management plan will provide the necessary guidance to manage these species in urban environments.  Management and planning efforts should continue. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Alleghany County cave amphipod</td>
<td>Stygobromus hoffmani</td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
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<td>Allegheny crayfish</td>
<td>Orconectes obscurus</td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clean flowing streams with rocky substrates</td>
<td>Limited range in VA (Potomac River Basin and Cowpasture River watershed) and populations are relatively rare and populations are being impacted by the invasive virile crayfish (Orconectes virilis); obscurus is noticeably smaller when sympatric with virilis.</td>
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<td>Crangonyx acicularis</td>
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<td>Small springs adn spring-fed streams</td>
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<td>Springs, spring-fed swamps, and spring-fed ponds</td>
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<td>Appalachian Valley cave amphipod</td>
<td><em>Crangonyx antennatus</em></td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Small cave streams and cave pools fed by ceiling drips and wall seepage</td>
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<td>Big Sandy Crayfish (aka Guyandotte River Crayfish)</td>
<td><em>Cambarus veteranus</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Warm streams with fast flows and bedrock, cobble, boulder, and sand substrates</td>
<td>This species is being reviewed for endangered status at the federal level. Genetics studies have shown that the BSC populations in the Russell Fork watershed are distinct from the populations in the Levisa Fork watershed at the management level. Also, Cambarus veteranus is now known only to occur in the Guyandotte watershed in WV and BSC occurs throughout the rest of the range, restricting BSC even more. Major impacts are coal mining. Staff recommend this species be monitored, particularly in the Dismal Creek watershed at this is the only population in the Levisa Fork watershed in Virginia. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<td><em>Cambarus spp.1</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Only 1 population of this species is known, downstream of Cherry Reservoir near Big Stone Gap in the Powell River watershed. This species is threatened by water quality impairments resulting from logging, chlorine spills downstream of WTP and management of reservoir (e.g., burning off lower reservoir and add chemicals to remove nutrients from reservoir). This is most restricted crayfish in VA. No specific management actions are provided. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<td><em>Cambarus monongalensis</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Burrowing species that utilizes wooded hillsides with springs and seeps.</td>
<td>This species is known from only 5 sites in VA within Highland County. It also occurs in 5 counties in WV. This species utilizes a very specific habitat type. People modifying springs are a major impact. Management actions include working with willing landowners to conserve and restore these springs thru acquisition, easement, or agreement. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Blue Ridge spring amphipod</td>
<td><em>Stygobromus spinosus</em></td>
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<td>Groundwater</td>
<td>Groundwater but found where springs emerge; individuals are in gravel substrate, leaf mats and vegetation (such as cress).</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Sluggish streams and swamps with abundance of dead wood on the bottom</td>
<td>This species is only known from the Chowan drainage. Fair number of populations in the Chowan but it is difficult to find populations with substantial numbers. The species appears to be gradient restricted and impacted by sediment. In watersheds where it is present, this species would benefit from the implementation of sediment control BMPs. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td><em>Cambarus theepiensis</em></td>
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<td>Unknown</td>
<td>This species is confined to small portion of the Big Sandy Basin. Populations are small and not widespread. Potential impacts from mineral extraction could be significant but no specific management actions have been identified. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2c.</td>
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<td>Subterranean obligate</td>
<td>This species is endemic to Giles County and occurs in two caves - one which has a gate. Human impacts from caving are a likely threat. Management actions include: protection of the caves through acquisition, easements, or cooperative agreements and groundwater protection from pollution and alteration. Life history is an important research need. Staff from DCR/Natural Heritage have also indicated land development could pose a threat to this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Lancaster County amphipod</td>
<td>Crangonyx baculispina</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Site specific - non-karst subterranean - requires clean groundwater</td>
<td>Very little is known about this species. No threats have been identified. Realistic management actions could include groundwater protection and protection of specific sites where this species is confirmed in the future. Life history and distribution information are research needs. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Caves with clean abundant water flowing through the system.</td>
<td>While this species is endemic to a small area, numerous effective protective measures are currently in place. It is unclear what additional measures may be necessary. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td>Longclaw crayfish</td>
<td><em>Cambarus buntingi</em></td>
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<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clean creeks and streams with sand, gravel, clay, or silt substrates</td>
<td>This species is believed to occupy the Russell Fork watershed in the Big Sandy Basin and the Clinch River watershed of the upper TN River Basin. However, the populations within the 2 river basins may be different species. If the populations are indeed different species, the tier ranking should be II. A genetics study must be conducted to determine this info and determine proper management. This species (or two species) are impacted by degraded water quality issues resulting from mining operations and row crop agriculture in the Clinch River watershed. All populations would benefit from efforts to conserve and restore water quality. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Madison Cave amphipod</td>
<td><em>Stygobromus stegerorum</em></td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Caves with clean abundant water flowing through the system.</td>
<td>This species is endemic to Augusta County and is found in two cave lakes. No specific threats have been identified but disturbance to the sinkhole recharge systems and water pollution are likely threats. Realistic management actions could include: boundaries of the watersheds that feed these lakes should be determined to allow for surface protection and the second cave (Stegers Fissure) needs to be incorporated into the existing management plan. Research needs include researching life history and water quality monitoring. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1b. This ranking will be reconsidered as research needs are addressed.</td>
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<td>Northern Virginia well amphipod</td>
<td><em>Stygobromus phreaticus</em></td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Non-karst species - site specific restricted to seeps and aquifer on Ft. Belvoir</td>
<td>This species' known remaining population is located on Fort Belvoir with fair to poor condition habitat. No specific threats are known. If populations are found within the area where previously confirmed, then habitat protection should occur. If additional populations are found research should include careful monitoring and searches for additional populations. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<td>Crustaceans</td>
<td>Ohio River shrimp</td>
<td><em>Macrobrachium ohione</em></td>
<td>IV c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Low velocity water, borders of main channel</td>
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<td>Crustaceans</td>
<td>Phreatic isopod</td>
<td><em>Caecidotea phreatica</em></td>
<td>I c</td>
<td>Specialist</td>
<td>Shallow subterranean groundwater habitats</td>
<td>Likely threats to this species are water contamination/pollution and reduction of groundwater for human use. No management actions have been identified. Research needs include researching life history and distribution. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<td><em>Stygobromus obturus</em></td>
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<td>Pizini's amphipod</td>
<td><em>Stygobromus pizinii</em></td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Non-karst groundwater habitats in Arlington and Fairfax county</td>
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<td>Crustaceans</td>
<td>Powell Valley terrestrial isopod</td>
<td><em>Amerigoniscus henroti</em></td>
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<td>Racovitza's terrestrial cave isopod</td>
<td><em>Miktoniscus racovitza</em></td>
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<td>Reticulate crayfish</td>
<td><em>Orconectes erichsonianus</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Streams with rocky substrates</td>
<td>This species has a limited range within VA and is difficult to find in the Clinch, Powell, and North Fork Holston River watersheds. It tends to be restricted to the lower portion of the watersheds. Major impacts are sedimentation and invasive species impacts from <em>Orconectes cristavarius</em> and <em>Orconectes virilis</em> in the Clinch, <em>Orconectes rusticus</em> in the NF Holston. This species would benefit from the implementation of BMPs that reduce the flow of sediments into rivers and streams. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Crustaceans</td>
<td>Rock Creek groundwater</td>
<td><em>Stygobromus kenki</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Groundwater</td>
<td>Dead leaves or fine sediment submerged in the waters of their spring-seep outflows in subterranean small springs and spring like seeps; often with intermittent flow and periods of drying in late summer or early fall</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2c.</td>
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<td>Rockbridge County cave</td>
<td><em>Stygobromus baroodyi</em></td>
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<td>Rye Cove isopod</td>
<td><em>Lirceus culveri</em></td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Caves with clean abundant water flowing through the system.</td>
<td>This species is endemic to Scott County and is found in one cave. It is threatened by stream perturbation and groundwater pollution. Management actions acquisition or closing of McDavids Cave and groundwater protection. Research needs include: study of its life history is needed and additional surveys to determine if this species is truly endemic. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Scott County terrestrial</td>
<td><em>Ligidium elrodii scottensis</em></td>
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<td>Spiny scale crayfish</td>
<td><em>Cambarus jezerinaci</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>High elevation high gradient spring fed streams</td>
<td>In watersheds where this species occurs, this species would benefit from the implementation of sediment control BMPs. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Surgeon crayfish</td>
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<td>Streams with rocky substrates</td>
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<td>Tidewater amphipod</td>
<td><em>Stygobromus indentatus</em></td>
<td>III</td>
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<td>Groundwater</td>
<td>Shallow interstitial groundwater habitats of unconsolidated Coastal Plain sediments</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td><em>Cambarus hatfieldi</em></td>
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<td>#N/A</td>
<td>This species is only found in a small region of Tazewell County and only 1 population is known in VA in the Big Sandy Basin in Dry Branch. Distribution of this species extends into the Levisa Fork in WV and the population appears stable. Given its rarity and limited distribution, this population is recommended as near threatened and vulnerable. No specific management actions are provided. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2c.</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Alewife</td>
<td><em>Alosa pseudoharengus</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Migratory</td>
<td>This species would benefit from efforts to enhance aquatic connectivity. This is consistent with action plan priorities to enhance aquatic connectivity. Status and distribution surveys, population monitoring, and habitat modeling is needed to prioritize and evaluate the effectiveness of efforts to restore aquatic connectivity. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Allegheny pearl dace</td>
<td><em>Margariscus margarita</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Pools of small creeks and rivers with sand or gravel substrate</td>
<td>Research is needed to determine how climate change might impact this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4b. This status will be reconsidered as these research needs are addressed.</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>American brook lamprey</td>
<td><em>Lampetra appendix</em></td>
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<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Requires clear flowing water but can tolerate a range of temperatures and substrates</td>
<td>Baseline information is required to better understand this species’ habitat requirements. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td><em>Anguilla rostrata</em></td>
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<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Migratory uses variety of freshwater and marine habitats</td>
<td>This species has suffered population declines over much of its range due to overfishing and barriers to upstream and downstream migration in the form of dams and culverts that deny it access historical habitats. This species would benefit from efforts to restore aquatic connectivity. This action is consistent with action plan priorities to restore aquatic connectivity. Research needed to determine the need and effectiveness of these efforts include monitoring this species’ status, distribution, and habitat. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>American shad</td>
<td><em>Alosa sapidissima</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Large unfragmented migratory rivers for spawning</td>
<td>This species would benefit from efforts to enhance aquatic connectivity. This is consistent with action plan priorities to enhance aquatic connectivity. Status and distribution surveys, population monitoring, and habitat modeling is needed to prioritize and evaluate the effectiveness of efforts to restore aquatic connectivity. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Appalachia darter</td>
<td><em>Percina gymnocephala</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear, cool and warm streams in the New drainage with upland gradient and gravel substrates</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Ashy darter</td>
<td><em>Etheostoma cinereum</em></td>
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<td>b</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear cool or warm streams with moderate gradient with rubble and boulder substrates</td>
<td>Additional surveys are required within the Powell to determine if sufficient habitat is available to justify a propagation or reintroduction effort for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1b.</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Atlantic sturgeon</td>
<td><em>Acipenser oxyrinchus</em></td>
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<td>b</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Migratory - utilize variety of aquatic and marine habitats</td>
<td>The following research needs should be addressed to inform a the creation of a robust recovery strategy, developing information on abundance and trends in abundance for each distinct population segment, developing information on habitat use (spawning grounds, nursery areas, foraging areas, and overwintering areas) for each distinct population segment, and developing information on the threats impacting each distinct population segment. This species will be prioritized at Tier 1b.</td>
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<td><em>Enneacanthus obesus</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Blackwater swamps, ponds, and streams with thick vegetation</td>
<td>Baseline information is required to better understand this species’ habitat requirements. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Bigeye jumprock</td>
<td><em>Moxostoma arionmmum</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Moderate gradient streams with unsilted rubble, boulder, or rock outcrop substrate</td>
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<td>Black sculpin</td>
<td><em>Cottus baileyi</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Cold creeks and streams with moderate to high gradient and clean gravel and boulder substrates</td>
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<td>Blackbanded sunfish</td>
<td><em>Enneacanthus chaetodon</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Acidic pools, creeks, and swamps with thick vegetation</td>
<td>DGIF Staff indicated this species is currently restricted to 5 sites in the Blackwater and Nottoway river systems. Direct conservation actions include propagation and reintroduction. Staff also indicate additional survey efforts and habitat modeling are needed. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Blackside darter</td>
<td><em>Percina maculata</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
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<td>Clean streams and rivers with moderate gradient and various substrates</td>
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<td>Blotchside logperch</td>
<td><em>Erimystax insignis</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clean, cool to warm, streams and rivers with moderate gradient and clean gravel and rubble substrates</td>
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<td>Blotched chub</td>
<td><em>Percina burtoni</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear warm moderate gradient rivers with gravel or rubble substrates</td>
<td>This species was identified as a candidate for reintroduction into the Powell River. This effort would benefit from additional population monitoring and habitat modeling. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td><em>Alosa aestivalis</em></td>
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<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Habitat includes riverine, estuarine, and Atlantic coastal waters; also in certain lakes and reservoirs in the southeastern United States.</td>
<td>This species would benefit from efforts to enhance aquatic connectivity. This is consistent with action plan priorities to enhance aquatic connectivity. This species is also likely to benefit from captive propagation and augmentation efforts. Status surveys, distribution surveys, population monitoring, and habitat modeling would help determine the need and effectiveness of these efforts. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Bluebreast darter</td>
<td><em>Etheostoma camurum</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear warm streams and rivers with moderate gradient with silt free gravel, rubble, or boulder substrates</td>
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<td><em>Etheostoma jessiae</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear creeks and small rivers with sand and gravel substrates with moderate to swift flow.</td>
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<td>Bluestone sculpin</td>
<td><em>Cottus sp.</em> 1</td>
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<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Cool or cold limestone spring runs with strong flows and gravel or rubble substrates and aquatic vegetation</td>
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<td>Brassy Jumprock</td>
<td><em>Moxostoma sp.</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Silty to rocky pools and slow runs of large creeks and small to medium rivers; impoundments</td>
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<td>Bridle shiner</td>
<td><em>Notropis bifrenatus</em></td>
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<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Slow clear water with aquatic vegetation</td>
<td>This species would benefit from augmentation and reintroduction efforts. Additional habitat modeling would be useful. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Brook silverside</td>
<td><em>Labidesthes sicculus</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear cool or warm lakes and large rivers and can tolerate various substrates and various amounts of aquatic</td>
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<td><strong>Fish</strong></td>
<td>Brook Trout</td>
<td><em>Salvelinus fontinalis</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear, cool, well-oxygenated creeks, small to medium rivers, and lakes</td>
<td>Virginia's brook trout populations are threatened by a variety of factors including siltation/erosion of stream banks, increasing water temperatures caused by inadequate riparian buffers, and acid precipitation. Conservation efforts are needed to conserve and restore existing brook trout habitats. The secondary priority would involve working to restore water quality and riparian buffers in watersheds where brook trout are thought to have been extirpated. These actions are consistent with action plan priorities to conserve and restore aquatic habitats and improve water quality. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td><strong>Fish</strong></td>
<td>Bullhead minnow</td>
<td><em>Pimephales vigilax</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Pools, backwaters, and quiet runs of small to large rivers having continuous flow and low to moderate gradient, over sand, silt, or gravel</td>
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<td><strong>Fish</strong></td>
<td>Candy darter</td>
<td><em>Etheostoma osburni</em></td>
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<td>b</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear creeks and streams with rocky substrates</td>
<td>This species is only known from four streams in the New River Drainage. Its conservation needs include investigating reintroduction into historic range, habitat modeling, and population viability analysis/genetics. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1b. This status will be reconsidered as these research needs are addressed.</td>
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<td><strong>Fish</strong></td>
<td>Carolina darter</td>
<td><em>Etheostoma collis</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Very slow moving water with sand or gravel substrates flowing through wooded areas or pastures</td>
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<td><em>Etheostoma brevispinum</em></td>
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<td>Rocky riffles of creeks and small to medium rivers</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Channel darter</td>
<td><em>Percina copelandi</em></td>
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<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Warm rivers with moderate to swift flows and gravel and rubble substrate</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Clinch dace</td>
<td><em>Chrosomus sp. cf. saylort</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Small high elevation streams with gravel substrates and forested watersheds</td>
<td>This species occurs in nine streams in the Clinch River. Conservation needs include reducing sedimentation, reducing chemical impairments associated with mining, reducing bacterial impairments associated with livestock or insufficient sewage treatment, removing stream impediments, and implementing baitfish regulations. These needs are consistent with action plan priorities to conserve and restore aquatic habitats and improve water quality. Research needs include distribution and monitoring, population modeling, and habitat modeling. Education and outreach efforts would be beneficial. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Clinch sculpin</td>
<td><em>Cottus sp. 4</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Cold clear spring runs to rivers with moderate to high gradients and unsilted gravel, rubble, and boulder substrates</td>
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<td>Dusky darter</td>
<td><em>Percina sciera</em></td>
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<td>Warm streams and rivers with low gradients and unsilted gravel substrates</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Duskytail darter</td>
<td><em>Etheostoma percnurum</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear, warm, moderate gradient intermontane streams and rivers with clean gravel, rubble, or boulder substrates</td>
<td>This species would benefit from habitat restoration efforts that reduce erosion and sediment input. These needs are consistent with action plan priorities to conserve and restore aquatic habitats and improve water quality. Staff also indicate this species would benefit from additional monitoring to determine if reintroductions might be feasible. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Emerald shiner</td>
<td><em>Notropis atherinoides</em></td>
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<td>Clear large streams and rivers with low gradient</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Fatlips minnow</td>
<td><em>Phenacobius crassilabrum</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear moderate to high gradient streams and rivers with clean gravel, rubble, and boulder substrates</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Freshwater drum</td>
<td><em>Aplodinotus grunniens</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Warm turbid water in lakes, reservoirs, and pools in low gradient rivers over mud substrate</td>
<td>DGIF staff involved with the freshwater mussel program indicate the freshwater drum is the only known fish host for the fragile papershell. Without the drum’s restoration, the fragile papershell’s restoration will likely be impossible. Baseline information is required to better understand this species’ habitat requirements. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Golden Darter</td>
<td><em>Etheostoma denoncourti</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>b</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Shallow gravel riffles of small to medium rivers; riffles and runs with substrates largely of pea gravel</td>
<td>Formerly the Tippecanoe Darter before taxonomy changed. This species is a habitat specialist that has proven to be particularly vulnerable to sedimentation. Research is needed to determine if this species could be reintroduced to the Powell River. This research would require additional status and distribution surveys, population monitoring, and habitat modeling. This species will be classified as Tier 2b. This status will be reconsidered when these research needs have been addressed.</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Greenfin darter</td>
<td><em>Etheostoma chlorobranchium</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>b</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear high gradient streams with rocky substrates</td>
<td>Research needs for this species include population monitoring, habitat modeling especially related to temperature changes, and determining if suitable areas exist to support a reintroduction effort. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1b. This status will be reconsidered as these research needs are addressed.</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Highback chub</td>
<td><em>Hybopsis hypsinotus</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Warm water (either clear or turbid) with sandy or rocky bottoms</td>
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<td><em>Notropis altipinnis</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Pools, sometimes runs, of shallow, generally small streams (avg. 3-10 m wide) usually lacking vegetation, with substrate of sand and gravel (occasionally rubble); bedrock outcrops sometimes present; water varies from white to brown with moderate current</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Holston sculpin</td>
<td><em>Cottus sp.</em></td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Ironcolor shiner</td>
<td><em>Notropis chalybaeus</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Moderately acidic creeks, streams, and swamps</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Kanawha darter</td>
<td><em>Etheostoma kanawhae</em></td>
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<td>Kanawha minnow</td>
<td><em>Phenacobius teretulus</em></td>
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<td>Clear moderate gradient streams with clean gravel and rubble substrates</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Lake chubsucker</td>
<td><em>Erimyzon sucetta</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
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<td>Clear to slightly stained warmwater ponds, lakes, ditches, and streams</td>
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<td>Least brook lamprey</td>
<td><em>Lampetra aepyptera</em></td>
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<td>Warm small streams with slow flows and sand/silt substrates</td>
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<td>Lined topminnow</td>
<td><em>Fundulus lineolatus</em></td>
<td>IV c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Moderately acidic margins of swamps and creeks with dense vegetation</td>
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<td><strong>Fish</strong></td>
<td>Logperch</td>
<td><em>Percina caprodes</em></td>
<td>IV c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Warm, moderate gradient, streams and rivers with gravel and rubble substrates</td>
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<td><strong>Fish</strong></td>
<td>Longear Sunfish</td>
<td><em>Lepomis megalotis</em></td>
<td>IV b</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear, shallow, well-vegetated areas of low-gradient streams, can be found in some reservoirs</td>
<td>This species is considered to be rare within its native range in the upper Tennessee River and suffers from competition with other <em>Lepomis</em> species. Research is needed to determine if this species could benefit from propagation and augmentation efforts. Additional status surveys, distribution surveys, habitat modeling, and population modeling would support this research need. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4b. This status will be reconsidered as these research needs are addressed.</td>
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<td><strong>Fish</strong></td>
<td>Mirror shiner</td>
<td><em>Notropis spectrunculus</em></td>
<td>III c</td>
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<td>Clear warm moderate gradient rivers with gravel or rubble substrates</td>
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<td><strong>Fish</strong></td>
<td>Mountain brook lamprey</td>
<td><em>Ichthyomyzon greeleyi</em></td>
<td>III c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Cool creeks or streams with moderate flow and clean substrates with access to pool sediments and muddy banks for ammocoetes</td>
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<td><strong>Fish</strong></td>
<td>Mountain madtom</td>
<td><em>Noturus eleutherus</em></td>
<td>IV c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear, warm streams and rivers with gravel and rubble substrates and vegetated riffles</td>
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<td><em>Lythroughrus lirus</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Typically in clear, flowing, riffle-pool type creeks and small rivers with moderate gradients and bottom materials ranging from sand-gravel to rubble-boulder</td>
<td>Baseline information is required to better understand this species’ habitat requirements. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Mud sunfish</td>
<td><em>Acantharchus pomotis</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Swamps, ponds, and slow moving water</td>
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<td>New River shiner</td>
<td><em>Notropis scabriceps</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Small to large, cool water, tributaries of the New River with high to moderate gradient and unsilted substrates</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Northern studfish</td>
<td><em>Fundulus catenatus</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Cutoff pools, backwaters, and sluggish margins of clear, warm, moderate gradient creeks, streams and rivers with a variety of substrates</td>
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<td>Notchlip redhorse</td>
<td><em>Moxostoma collapsum</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Riverine species: specific habitat details are unknown</td>
<td>Baseline information is required to better understand this species’ habitat requirements. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Ohio lamprey</td>
<td><em>Ichthyomyzon bdellium</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Large warm rivers with clean gravel and rubble substrates and access to low gradient areas with soft substrates and detrital material for ammocoetes</td>
<td>This species restricted to the Tennessee drainage in Virginia. The species is naturally a low-density animal and is somewhat difficult to sample because larval stages live buried in sediment and thus are not often vulnerable to traditional sampling techniques. This species appears to be common and secure. Research is needed to determine if this species still warrants inclusion within the wildlife action plan. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4b. This status will be reconsidered as this research need is addressed.</td>
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<td>Moderate to strong flows with unsilted substrates</td>
<td>Research is needed to determine if this species could be reintroduced into suitable habitats. This research would require additional status and distribution surveys, population monitoring, and habitat modeling. This species will be classified as Tier 2b. This status will be reconsidered when these research needs have been addressed.</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Paddlefish</td>
<td><em>Polyodon spathula</em></td>
<td>IV c</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Warm medium to large rivers with very low flows</td>
<td>Baseline information is required to better understand this species’ habitat requirements. This effort could be enhanced using eDNA. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Piedmont darter</td>
<td><em>Percina crassa</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Cool and warm moderate gradient creeks and rivers with clean gravel and rubble substrates</td>
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<td>Popeye shiner</td>
<td><em>Notropis ariommus</em></td>
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<td>Clear warm moderate gradient rivers with gravel or rubble substrates</td>
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<td>Redlip shiner</td>
<td><em>Notropis chilicus</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear creeks and streams with moderate gradient, warm or cool water and various substrates</td>
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<td>River redhorse</td>
<td><em>Moxostoma carinatum</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clean streams and rivers with unsilted gravel, rubble, and boulder substrates</td>
<td>Research is needed to determine if this species could be reintroduced into the North Fork Holston River. Species distribution and status surveys would support this effort. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3b. This status will be reconsidered when these research needs have been addressed.</td>
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<td>Roanoke bass</td>
<td><em>Ambloplites cavifrons</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Warm large creeks, streams, and small rivers with low gradient and typically clear water</td>
<td>Many of this species’ historic habitats are now occupied by rock bass. Conservation needs include propagation and reintroduction into suitable habitats that lack rock bass. Research is needed to determine the genetic viability of Roanoke bass in habitats shared with rock bass. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Roanoke hog sucker</td>
<td>Hypentelium roanokense</td>
<td>IV</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Moderate to high gradient streams with rock, gravel, or sand substrates</td>
<td>Baseline information is required to better understand this species' habitat requirements. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Roanoke logperch</td>
<td>Percina rex</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Warm clear stream and rivers with low to moderate gradient and unsilted substrate</td>
<td>Reintroduction and augmentation efforts for this species should be continued. Monitoring to determine the need and effectiveness of these efforts should be expanded. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Roughhead shiner</td>
<td>Notropis semperasper</td>
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<td>Clear medium sized streams with moderate current</td>
<td>Research needs for this species include determining the competitive interaction with congeners i.e., N. telescopus, conducting distribution/status surveys, population monitoring, and habitat modeling. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1b. This status will be reconsidered as these research needs are addressed.</td>
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<td>Rustyside sucker</td>
<td>Thoburnia hamiltoni</td>
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<td>Clean clear streams with moderate to high gradient and unsilted substrates</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Sand shiner</td>
<td>Notropis stramineus</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Sauger</td>
<td>Sander canadensis</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Cool large streams, rivers, and lakes with a combination of deep swift runs and backwaters</td>
<td>This species is very rare in the Clinch and Powell rivers. Research is needed to species propagation and reintroduction efforts. Status surveys, distribution surveys, population monitoring, and habitat modeling would support these reintroduction efforts. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3b. This status will be reconsidered as these research needs are addressed.</td>
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<td>Etheostoma acuticeps</td>
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<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear, cool or warm streams and rivers with moderate gradient and rubble and boulder substrates with growths of riverweed</td>
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<td>Sharpnose darter</td>
<td>Percina oxyrhynchus</td>
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<td>Moderate gradient streams and rivers with unsilted gravel, rubble, and boulder substrates</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Shortnose sturgeon</td>
<td>Acipenser brevirostrum</td>
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<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Migratory - utilize variety of aquatic and marine habitats</td>
<td>The status of this species could be enhanced via a cooperative propagation and reintroduction effort with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Sickle Darter</td>
<td>Percina williamsi</td>
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<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Flowing pools over rocky, sandy, or silty substrates in clear creeks or small rivers</td>
<td>This species was originally referred to as the longhead darter before the taxonomy changed. The sickle darter is a rare fish species of the Clinch and Holston drainages (Jenkins and Burkhead 2014). It is restricted to 7 isolated populations in Virginia and naturally occurs in low density and has only been documented twice since 2005. Baseline information is required to better understand this species' status, distribution, and habitat requirements. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Silver redhorse</td>
<td>Moxostoma anisurum</td>
<td>III</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Silty to firm-bottomed pools and runs of small to large rivers; also in natural lakes and impoundments</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Slender chub</td>
<td>Erimystax cahni</td>
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<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear, open, and swift streams and rivers with unsilted gravel substrates</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Slimy sculpin</td>
<td>Cottus cognatus</td>
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<td>Spring fed cold water streams</td>
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<td>Smallmouth redhorse</td>
<td><em>Moxostoma breviceps</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Large rivers with swift flows and gravel to boulder substrates.</td>
<td>This species is newly recognized, formerly considered to part of the shorthead redhorse population. This species is restricted to the Tennessee River drainage where it occurs in low densities and is considered to be extirpated from the North Fork Holston. Research is needed to determine if this species could be reintroduced to the North Fork Holston River. The need and effectiveness of this reintroduction effort would benefit additional status surveys, distribution surveys, habitat modeling, and population monitoring. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4b. This status will be reconsidered as these research needs are addressed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fish</td>
<td>Snail bullhead</td>
<td><em>Ameiurus brunneus</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Well flowing streams and rivers with rocky substrates</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Speckled darter</td>
<td><em>Etheostoma stigaeum</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear sandy and rocky pools of creeks and small to medium rivers with moderate gradient and fast water, occasionally sluggish murky streams</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Speckled killfish</td>
<td><em>Fundulus rathbuni</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
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<td>Slow moving streams and creeks with sandy substrates</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Spotfin chub</td>
<td><em>Erimonax monachus</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clean medium sized streams and rivers with clean gravel and cobble substrate</td>
<td>Research is needed to determine if this species would be a candidate for captive propagation and reintroduction. Additional habitat and distribution surveys are also required for the Clinch River. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1b. This status will be reconsidered when these research needs are addressed.</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
<td>Steelcolor shiner</td>
<td><em>Cyprinella whipplei</em></td>
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<td>Warm low to moderate gradient streams and rivers over a variety of substrates</td>
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<td><strong>Fish</strong></td>
<td>Suckermouth minnow</td>
<td><em>Phenacobius mirabilis</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Warm, clear to turbid streams and rivers with moderate gradient with sand and gravel substrate</td>
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<td><strong>Fish</strong></td>
<td>Swannanoa darter</td>
<td><em>Etheostoma swannanoa</em></td>
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<td>Cool clear streams with moderate to high gradient with clean gravel, rubble, and boulder substrates</td>
<td>Research is needed to determine if this species could be reintroduced into suitable habitats. Research is also needed to determine how this species might be impacted by climate change. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4b. This status will be reconsidered as these research needs are addressed.</td>
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<td><strong>Fish</strong></td>
<td>Tadpole Madtom</td>
<td><em>Noturus gyrinus</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Quiet or slow-moving waters, especially over soft muddy bottom with extensive vegetation; lakes, reservoirs, sloughs, swamps, backwaters, lowland creeks and small to large rivers</td>
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<td>Tangerine darter</td>
<td><em>Percina aurantiaca</em></td>
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<td>Clean, cool and warm streams and rivers with moderate gradient and a variety of substrates</td>
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<td><strong>Fish</strong></td>
<td>Tennessee dace</td>
<td><em>Chrosomus tennesseensis</em></td>
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<td>Clean creeks with rock, gravel, or silt substrates and stable banks</td>
<td>This species would benefit from the creation of a recovery plan. Additional information regarding is distribution and habitat needs would also be beneficial. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1b. This status will be reconsidered when the planning and research needs are addressed.</td>
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<td><em>Exoglossum laurae</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Rocky pools and runs of cool to warm, usually clear, creeks and small to medium rivers of moderate gradient, generally with relatively unsilted bottoms of gravel, rubble, and boulder, often at deeper edges of pools near vegetation or other cover</td>
<td>Baseline information is required to better understand this species' habitat requirements. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td><strong>Fish</strong></td>
<td>Variegate darter</td>
<td><em>Etheostoma variatum</em></td>
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<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Warm to cool water streams with clean gravel, rubble, or boulder substrates</td>
<td>This species has one stable population in the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy drainage. This species would benefit from efforts to improve water quality. This need is consistent with action plan priorities to conserve and restore aquatic habitats and improve water quality. This species would also benefit from the creation of a conservation plan. Research is also needed to determine if this species would be a candidate for reintroduction efforts in the Russell Fork. Population and habitat modeling would advance these efforts. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td><strong>Fish</strong></td>
<td>Western sand darter</td>
<td><em>Ammocrypta clara</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Warm, low and moderate gradient rivers with sand and sand-gravel substrates</td>
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<td>Whitemouth shiner</td>
<td><em>Notropis alborus</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clear to somewhat turbid creeks, with varying substrates</td>
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<td><strong>Fish</strong></td>
<td>Wounded darter</td>
<td><em>Etheostoma vulneratum</em></td>
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<td>Warm moderate gradient streams and rivers with clean gravel and rubble substrate</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Warm, clear streams and rivers with moderate gradient and variety of cover types</td>
<td>Efforts to reintroduce this species into the Northfork Holston River should continue. Efforts to monitor the success of this reintroduction and the status of existing populations and habitats should also continue. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Allegheny woodrat</td>
<td><em>Neotoma magister</em></td>
<td>IV a</td>
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<td>Barren</td>
<td>Blue Ridge to the west - riparian areas, wooded wetlands, caves and cliffs</td>
<td>The two main threats to this species are parasitism and habitat destruction. Research is needed to evaluate parasite epidemiology. The USFS and others currently work to maintain occupied habitats. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Appalachian cottontail</td>
<td><em>Sylvilagus obscurus</em></td>
<td>IV a</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>High elevation forested areas west of the Shenandoah River</td>
<td>The primary threats to this species involve the loss of young forest habitats and competition from eastern cottontails. Efforts to create patches of young forest habitat are consistent with other action plan priorities. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Atlantic bottlenose dolphin</td>
<td><em>Tursiops truncatus</em></td>
<td>III b</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Offshore form frequents pelagic waters. Coastal form usually shoreward of 20 m contour, often in lagoons, bays, river mouths; ascends river in some areas; common near passes connecting large bays with ocean</td>
<td>The population of this species in Virginia waters is considered to be &quot;depleted&quot; by NOAA under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Currently, no management strategies have been identified for this species in Virginia waters. DGIF staff and partners expect to complete a Virginia Marine Mammal Conservation Plan either in late 2016 or early 2017. Once completed, the management category for this species will be updated. The marine mammal plan will serve as a companion document to the Action Plan and will be used to drive conservation efforts for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3b. This ranking will be reconsidered when this planning need has been addressed.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Carolina northern flying squirrel</td>
<td><em>Glaucomys sabrinus coloratus</em></td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Cool moist mature coniferous and mixed forests with abundant standing and down snags</td>
<td>This species’ recovery plan needs to be updated to ensure that modern threats, research needs, and conservation actions are adequately understood. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4b. This status will be reconsidered when this planning need has been addressed.</td>
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<td>Cotton mouse</td>
<td><em>Peromyscus gossypinus</em></td>
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<td>Riparian forests</td>
<td>The main threats to this species include habitat destruction, hydrologic regime alteration, and competition. Efforts to conserve and restore aquatic and wetland habitats are consistent with other action plan priorities. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Delmarva fox squirrel</td>
<td><em>Sciurus niger cinereus</em></td>
<td>II c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Mature pine and hardwood forests with open understories</td>
<td>During September 2014, the USFWS proposed removing the Delmarva Fox Squirrel from the Federal list of endangered species. It was determined that conservation actions and habitat restoration had successfully ameliorated threats to this species’ survival. This species remains rare in Virginia, but no additional conservation actions have been identified. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2c.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Eastern small-footed myotis</td>
<td><em>Myotis leibii</em></td>
<td>I a</td>
<td>Barren</td>
<td>Hibernation occurs in solution and fissure caves and mine tunnels (including coal, iron, copper, and talc mines). Situations near the entrance where the air is relatively cold and dry seem to be preferred, though sometimes deeper locations are used. Roost sites often are deep in crevices, or under rocks on the cave floor. Forages over ponds and streams.</td>
<td>This species has been significantly affected by white-nosed syndrome. No management actions have been identified to address this disease. Other threats include human disturbance of hibernacula from recreational use. Winter caving should be discouraged and high priority caves should be gated to prevent human use during vulnerable times. The USFS works to conserve known habitats. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Eastern spotted skunk</td>
<td><em>Spilogale putorius putorius</em></td>
<td>IV c</td>
<td>Barren</td>
<td>Blue Ridge to the west - rock piles, rock slides and cliffs surrounded by forests</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Fin whale</td>
<td><em>Balaenoptera physalus</em></td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Pelagic</td>
<td>This is the most common large whale in Virginia waters and is listed as endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act. Management strategies for this species are dated and do not include increasing pressures related to shipping and energy development. DGIF staff and partners expect to complete a Virginia Marine Mammal Conservation Plan either in late 2016 or early 2017. Once completed, the management category for this species will be updated. The marine mammal plan will serve as a companion document to the Action Plan and will be used to drive conservation efforts for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4b. This ranking will be reconsidered when the planning need has been addressed.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Fisher</td>
<td><em>Martes pennanti</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Spruce-fir forests, northern bogs and swamps, or mixed northern hardwood forests</td>
<td>Although populations are limited, this species appears to be more widely distributed than previously thought. Its mature forest habitats are not in limited. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Gray bat</td>
<td><em>Myotis grisescens</em></td>
<td>II</td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Winter roosts are in deep vertical caves with domed halls. Large summer colonies utilize caves that trap warm air and provide restricted rooms or domed ceilings; maternity caves often have a stream flowing through them and are separate from the caves used in summer by males. Forage along steams flowing through forested areas. The most significant threats to gray bats involve human disturbance in hibernacula. Other threats involve loss of riparian vegetation in foraging areas and removal of trees from areas around cave entrances. Conservation actions include gating entrances to to known caves, maintaining healthy riparian forests, and retaining vegetated buffers around cave entrances. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Harbor porpoise</td>
<td><em>Phocoena phocoena</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Coastal waters and adjacent offshore shallows; also inhabits inshore areas such as bays, channels, and rivers</td>
<td>The population of this species in Virginia waters is considered to be &quot;depleted&quot; by NOAA under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Currently, no management strategies have been identified for this species in Virginia waters however biologists are concerned populations in Virginia waters are impacted by fishing nets and other gear. DGIF staff and partners expect to complete a Virginia Marine Mammal Conservation Plan either in late 2016 or early 2017. Once completed, the management category for this species will be updated. The marine mammal plan will serve as a companion document to the Action Plan and will be used to drive conservation efforts for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4b. This ranking will be reconsidered when the planning need has been addressed.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Hoary Bat</td>
<td><em>Lasiurus cinereus</em></td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Primarily deciduous and coniferous forests and woodlands, including areas altered by humans</td>
<td>Populations of this species in other parts of the country have been significantly impacted by wind energy development. Due to the economic downturn, development of wind energy facilities has been limited. However, as the economy improves, wind energy development is expected to increase. Two actions that can be taken to address this threat and three specific research questions that should be answered to enhance protection efforts. Conservation actions include: Environmental commenting related to the siting of wind energy facilities and working with wind energy companies to modify their operations during the fall migration period. Research needs include: assessing the coastal migration patterns of bats, assessing current population status and trends for tree-dwelling bats, determine why bats are attracted to wind turbines so that deterrents may be developed. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td><em>Megaptera novaengliane</em></td>
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<td>b</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Open ocean and coastal waters, sometimes including inshore areas such as bays</td>
<td>This species is listed as endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act and individuals of this species occur in Virginia waters seasonally. Management strategies for this species are dated and do not address increasing pressures related to shipping and energy development. DGIF staff and partners expect to complete a Virginia Marine Mammal Conservation Plan either in late 2016 or early 2017. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1b. This status will be reconsidered when this planning need has been addressed.</td>
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<td>Indiana myotis</td>
<td><em>Myotis sodalis</em></td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>West of Shenandoah River - winter site specific caves, summer forested areas containing dead exfoliating trees.</td>
<td>The primary threats to this species are unintentional kills from power generation and human interactions. Additional threats include collapse of hibernacula, destruction of riparian areas, and (potentially) pesticide poisoning. Protecting hibernacula and working to conserve and restore riparian areas are consistent with action plan priorities. Management actions include: prevent disturbance to hibernacula; protect, maintain, and restore foraging and nursery areas; and carry out a public information campaign. Research needs from the recovery plan include monitoring of summer and hibernacula population trends, monitoring levels of toxins and researching their effects, and research on summer habitat requirements. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Little Brown Bat</td>
<td><em>Myotis lucifugus</em></td>
<td>Ia</td>
<td>Multiple</td>
<td>Multiple</td>
<td>Wide range of habitats and often use human-made structures for resting and maternity sites; they also use caves and hollow trees</td>
<td>Populations of this species have been dramatically reduced by white-nose syndrome. While agencies are not currently able to address white-nose syndrome, several management actions can be taken to help preserve existing populations. Actions include: protecting hibernacula via gating, purchase, or easement; protecting fall swarm roosts and foraging areas; developing a certification for Wildlife Control Operators that exclude bats from dwellings; Environmental commenting related to the siting of wind energy facilities. Specific research needs have also been identified to address specific threats. Research needs involve determining the productivity and survivorship at maternity colonies as a means of evaluating the success of conservation actions. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Long-tailed shrew</td>
<td><em>Sorex dispar dispar</em></td>
<td>IVc</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>West of Shenandoah talus slopes, rock slides and cliffs surrounded by forests</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Marsh rabbit</td>
<td><em>Sylvilagus palustris palustris</em></td>
<td>IVa</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Freshwater wetlands</td>
<td>The primary threats to this species are habitat destruction from and competition from eastern cottontails. Efforts to conserve freshwater wetland habitats are consistent with other Action Plan priorities. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Northern Long-Eared bat</td>
<td><em>Myotis septentrionalis</em></td>
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<td>a</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Hibernate in caves and mines. Mature forests for summer roosts and feeding.</td>
<td>Populations of this species have been dramatically reduced by white-nose syndrome. While agencies are not currently able to address white-nose syndrome, several management actions can be taken to help preserve existing populations. Actions include: protecting hibernacula via gating, purchase, or easement; protecting fall swarm roosts and foraging areas; developing a certification for Wildlife Control Operators that exclude bats from dwellings; Environmental commenting related to the siting of wind energy facilities. Specific research needs have also been identified to address specific threats. Research needs involve determining the productivity and survivorship at maternity colonies as a means of evaluating the success of conservation actions. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Northern right whale</td>
<td><em>Eubalaena glacialis</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>b</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Nearshore and offshore waters</td>
<td>This species is listed as endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act and Virginia’s coastal waters are believed to serve as an important migratory corridor. Management strategies for this species are dated and do not include increasing pressures related to shipping and energy development. DGIF staff and partners expect to complete a Virginia Marine Mammal Conservation Plan either in late 2016 or early 2017. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1b. This status will be reconsidered when this planning need is addressed.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Pungo white-footed mouse</td>
<td><em>Peromyscus leucopus easti</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Barren</td>
<td>Coastal marshes and dunes</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td>Rafinesque’s eastern big-eared bat</td>
<td><em>Corynorhinus rafinesquii</em></td>
<td>Ia</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Use hollow trees as well as various types of human structures for roosting</td>
<td>The main threats to this species include the loss of bottomland forest containing suitable roost trees and the decline in the number of abandoned buildings in the region. This species is very sensitive to disturbance. Additional threats include disturbance related to forestry, toxins, insecticides, and metals. Priority management actions include long-term forest management to allow forests to age, for roost trees, to occur; maintenance, preservation, and creation of abandoned buildings and alternative roost sites in likely areas; and reduction or elimination of heavy metals and pesticide contamination. Actions to restore large patches of mature forest in the eastern portions of Virginia are consistent with action plan priorities. Research needs include extensive surveys to locate maternity colonies; possible effects of wind turbines on this species; and the extent and effects of insecticide contamination and bioaccumulation in wild populations. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Red Bat (proposed for inclusion)</td>
<td><em>Lasiurus borealis</em></td>
<td>IVa</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Wide range of forested and semi-forested areas, including developed areas with large trees (e.g., city parks) and some areas subject to intensive forest management</td>
<td>Populations of this species in other parts of the country have been significantly impacted by wind energy development. Due to the economic downturn, development of wind energy facilities has been limited. However, as the economy improves, wind energy development is expected to increase. This proposal identifies two actions that can be taken to address this threat, and three specific research questions that should be answered to enhance protection efforts. Conservation actions include: Environmental commenting related to the siting of wind energy facilities and working with wind energy companies to modify their operations during the fall migration period. Research needs include: assessing the coastal migration patterns of bats, assessing current population status and trends for tree-dwelling bats, determine why bats are attracted to wind turbines so that deterrents may be developed. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Silver-haired Bat (proposed for inclusion)</td>
<td>Lasionycteris noctivagans</td>
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<td>a</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Forested (frequently coniferous) areas adjacent to lakes, ponds, or streams, including areas that have been altered by humans</td>
<td>Populations of this species in other parts of the country have been significantly impacted by wind energy development. Due to the economic downturn, development of wind energy facilities in Virginia has been limited. However, as the economy improves, wind energy development is expected to increase. This proposal identifies two actions that can be taken to address this threat, and three specific research questions that should be answered to enhance protection efforts. Conservation actions include: Environmental commenting related to the siting of wind energy facilities and working with wind energy companies to modify their operations during the fall migration period. Research needs include: assessing the coastal migration patterns of bats, assessing current population status and trends for tree-dwelling bats, determine why bats are attracted to wind turbines so that deterrents may be developed. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Snowshoe hare</td>
<td>Lepus americanus virginianus</td>
<td>Ic</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Specific spruce/fir sites in Highland county that provide sufficient cover</td>
<td>This species is impacted by the loss of habitat from natural succession and climatic changes. The species is currently limited to areas that support red spruce, which is in significant decline in Virginia and could be extirpated by changing climatic conditions. This species may benefit from efforts to create young forest habitat, but more specific actions have not been identified. The priority management action is timber harvest, preferably heavy thinning, is desperately needed to open the overstory and promote understory growth in these areas. Research is needed to determine if this species would benefit from the creation of young forest patches. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1b. This ranking will be reconsidered when this research need has been addressed.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Southeastern fox squirrel</td>
<td>Sciurus niger niger</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Open mature stands of pine or pine/hardwoods</td>
<td>Habitat loss is the greatest threat to this species. The conservation of large stands of mature oak/pine forests are consistent with forest priorities identified within the action plan. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Riparian forests with suitable roost structures</td>
<td>The primary threats to this species appear to be the loss of roost sites and wooded wetland habitats. The conservation and restoration of wooded wetlands is consistent with other action plan priorities. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Southern rock vole</td>
<td><em>Microtus chrotorrhinus</em></td>
<td>II a</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>High elevation talus and riparian areas</td>
<td>This species is most threatened by the loss of forests that might allow their talus habitats to dry out. This species benefits from efforts to maintain high elevation forests in cool, moist talus areas. The USFS implements efforts to ensure that high elevation oak forests and high elevation pine forests and woodlands are maintained and managed to both preserve and connect existing habitats. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Southern water shrew</td>
<td><em>Sorex palustris</em></td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>High elevation riparian areas in Bath and Highland counties</td>
<td>This species is most threatened by the loss or degradation of high elevation riparian forests. The needs of this species are consistent with action plan priorities to maintain or restore riparian forests and improve water quality. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Tri-colored Bat</td>
<td><em>Perimyotis subflavus</em></td>
<td>I a</td>
<td></td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Forested landscapes, where they forage near trees (including forest perimeters) and along waterways</td>
<td>Populations of this species have been dramatically reduced by white-nose syndrome. While agencies are not currently able to address white-nose syndrome, several management actions can be taken to help preserve existing populations. Actions include: protecting hibernacula via gating, purchase, or easement; protecting fall swarm roosts and foraging areas; Environmental commenting related to the siting of wind energy facilities. Specific research needs have also been identified to address specific threats. Research needs involve determining the productivity and survivorship at maternity colonies as a means of evaluating the success of conservation actions, and collecting basic life history data for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Virginia big-eared bat</td>
<td>Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus</td>
<td>II a</td>
<td>Open vegetated</td>
<td>Caves typically in limestone karst regions dominated by mature hardwood forests of hickory, beech, maple, and hemlock. Prefers cool, well-ventilated caves for hibernation; roost sites are often near cave entrances or in places where there is considerable air movement.</td>
<td>The primary threats to this species include are human disturbance of hibernacula from recreational use of habitat and unintentional capture or killing from power generation. Winter caving should be discouraged and high priority caves should be gated to prevent human use during vulnerable times. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Mammals</td>
<td>Virginia northern flying squirrel</td>
<td>Glaucomys sabrinus fuscus</td>
<td>I a</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Spruce -fir and mixed conifer-northern hardwood forests</td>
<td>In 2008, the US Fish and Wildlife Service determined this species had responded to conservation and habitat restoration effort. The US Fish and Wildlife Service proposed removing this species from the list of endangered species. Later in 2008, the delisting decision was vacated by the court. In March 2013 USFWS moved to reinstate removal. Efforts to manage this species' habitat in Virginia are ongoing and consistent with strategies identified within the post-listing plan. Given this species limited distribution in Virginia, it will always be at a high risk of extirpation. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>West Indian manatee</td>
<td><em>Trichechus manatus latiostris</em></td>
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<td>b</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Shallow coastal waters, estuaries, bays, rivers, and lakes</td>
<td>This species is listed as Endangered per the Federal Endangered Species Act. Although uncommon, manatees are appearing more frequently in Virginia waters where they face a number of anthropogenic hazards. Currently, no management strategies have been identified for this species in Virginia waters. DGIF staff and partners expect to complete a Virginia Marine Mammal Conservation Plan either in late 2016 or early 2017. Once completed, the management category for this species will be updated. The marine mammal plan will serve as a companion document to the Action Plan and will be used to drive conservation efforts for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4b. This ranking will be reconsidered when the planning need has been addressed.</td>
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<td>A branchiobdellid worm</td>
<td><em>Ankyrodrilus legacus</em></td>
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<td><em>Stylodrilus beattiei</em></td>
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<td>c</td>
<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Caves with clean abundant water flowing through the system.</td>
<td>This species only occurs in Steele’s Cave in Tazwell County. Potential stresses include water pollution and alteration of groundwater. No management actions have been identified. Research needs include understanding natural history and distribution. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<td>Protocelis typhlops</td>
<td>I c</td>
<td></td>
<td>Groundwater</td>
<td>Spring/ spring brook</td>
<td>This species has never been observed in the state but is anticipated to occur in Virginia. Potential stresses include water pollution and alteration to groundwater. No management actions have been identified. Research needs include collecting information on life history and distribution as well as determining if it actually occurs in the state. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<td>A groundwater planarian</td>
<td>Sphallopiana hypogea</td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Subterranean obligate</td>
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<td>Sphallopiana subtilis</td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Caves with clean abundant water flowing through the system.</td>
<td>This species only occurs in Fallen Rock cave in Tazwvel county. Potential stresses include groundwater pollution and stream alteration. No management actions have been identified. Research needs include understanding information on natural history and distribution. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<td>Powell Valley planarian</td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Caves with clean abundant water flowing through the system.</td>
<td>This species is endemic to a portion of Powell Valley. No specific threats have been identified however water pollution could be a threat. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<td>Rockbridge County cave planarian</td>
<td>Sphallopiana virginiana</td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Caves with clean abundant water flowing through the system.</td>
<td>This species only occurs in Showalters Cave in Rockbridge County. Potential stresses include water pollution and alteration to groundwater. No management actions have been identified. Research needs include understanding information on natural history and distribution. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<td>A cave centipede</td>
<td>Nampabius turbator</td>
<td>III c</td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Subterranean obligate</td>
<td>This species is the only cave adapted centipede in Virginia. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Caves with clean abundant water flowing through the system.</td>
<td>This species degree of endemism has been called into question. Research to determine if it is a unique species or part of a larger metapopulation would be useful. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2b. This ranking will be reconsidered when this research need has been addressed.</td>
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<td>Lycosa lenta</td>
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<td>Appalachia bellytooth</td>
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<td>Forest/Woodland, Savanna, Shrubland, Suburban/orchard, Urban/edificarian, Conifer, Hardwood, Mixed</td>
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<td>Big Cedar Creek millipede</td>
<td>Brachoria falcifera</td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Rock ledges</td>
<td>No habitats have been identified for this species</td>
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<td>Black mantleslug</td>
<td>Pallifera hemphilli</td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Spruce-fir forests above 5000 feet and most frequently found during wet weather</td>
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<td>Black Mountain disc</td>
<td>Discus nigrimontanus</td>
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<td>Bluegrass snaggletooth</td>
<td>Gastrocopta clappi</td>
<td>III</td>
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<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Under rocks, around the base of grass tufts, and under sparse vegetation on xeric glades and grasslands</td>
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<td>Brilliant glyph</td>
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<td>Brooks millipede</td>
<td><em>Dixioria broksi</em></td>
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<td>Other Terr Inverts</td>
<td>Brown globelet</td>
<td><em>Inflectarius kalmianus</em></td>
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<td>Brown supercoil</td>
<td><em>Paravitrea septadens</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Deep moist leaf litter on wooded hillsides at the base of hills and ravines</td>
<td>This species is endemic to Dickenson and Buchanan counties. The only known threats include the reduction of leaf litter. No management actions have been identified. The only research need included is to survey for additional populations. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Terr Inverts</td>
<td>Budded three-tooth</td>
<td><em>Triodopsis tennesseensis</em></td>
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<td>Buttressed three-tooth</td>
<td><em>Triodopsis rugosa</em></td>
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<td>Carinate slitmouth</td>
<td><em>Stenotrema spinosum</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Rotting logs in woods</td>
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<td>Other Terr Inverts</td>
<td>Carolina scorpion</td>
<td><em>Vaejovis carolinianus</em></td>
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<td>Other Terr Inverts</td>
<td>Cave pseudoscorpion</td>
<td><em>Apochthonius coecus</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>b</td>
<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Caves with clean abundant water flowing through the system.</td>
<td>This species degree of endemism has been called into question. Research to determine if it is a unique species or part of a larger metapopulation would be useful. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2b. This ranking will be reconsidered when this research need has been addressed.</td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
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<td>Cedar millipede</td>
<td><em>Brachoria cedra</em></td>
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<td>Celeno millipede</td>
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<td>Cherrystone drop</td>
<td><em>Hendersonia occulta</em></td>
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<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Algific talus slopes; cool, shaded talus</td>
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<td>Clingman covert</td>
<td><em>Fumonelix wheatleyi</em></td>
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<td>Cupped vertigo</td>
<td><em>Vertigo clappi</em></td>
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<td>Well-decomposed leaf litter and fine soil on shaded boulders, talus, ledges and bases of forested bedrock outcrops</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td>Delicate vertigo</td>
<td><em>Vertigo bollesiana</em></td>
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<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Leaf litter on wooded hill sides and marshes</td>
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<td>Depressed glyph</td>
<td><em>Glyphyalinia virginica</em></td>
<td>III</td>
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<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>No habitats have been identified for this terrestrial snail</td>
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<td>Ellett Valley Pseudotremia millipede</td>
<td><em>Pseudotremia cavernarum</em></td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Subterranean obligate</td>
<td>This species has a very limited range and this habitat is threatened by suburban development. Efforts can be made to work with willing landowners to conserve this habitat via acquisition, easement, or agreement. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Five-tooth vertigo</td>
<td><em>Vertigo ventricosa</em></td>
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<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Humid, well-decomposed graminoid and broadleaf plant litter in moderately to highly acidic wooded and open wetlands</td>
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<td>Flat button</td>
<td><em>Mesomphix subplanus</em></td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Forested areas above 2000 feet with downed logs and moist leaf litter</td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
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<td>Glassy grapeskin</td>
<td><em>Vitrinizonites latissimus</em></td>
<td>IV c</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Leaf litter or crawling on the ground in wet weather usually above 2000 feet in the mountains, but may occur below 1000 feet in the outlying hills</td>
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<td>Hanging Rock</td>
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<td><em>Ventridens lasmodon</em></td>
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<td>Other Terr Inverts</td>
<td>Hungry mother</td>
<td><em>Brachoria ethotela</em></td>
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<td>Laurel Creek</td>
<td><em>Sigmoria whiteheadi</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Known from one location where it occurs under leaf litter of rhododendrons and hardwoods within 5 meters of stream.</td>
<td>This species has only been observed at one location, near the headwaters of Laurel Creek in Floyd County. No threats are included for this species. As it occurs in land owned by NPS, the only management action is to continue to protect this land. Research needs include surveys and surveys for likely habitat. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Terr Inverts</td>
<td>Lowland pillsnail</td>
<td><em>Euchemotrema leai</em></td>
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<td>Lutz's cave pseudoscorpion</td>
<td><em>Kleptochthonius lutzi</em></td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Caves with clean abundant water flowing through the system.</td>
<td>This species degree of endemism has been called into question. Research to determine if it is a unique species or part of a larger metapopulation would be useful. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2b. This ranking will be reconsidered when this research need has been addressed.</td>
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<td>Other Terr Inverts</td>
<td>Maryland glyph</td>
<td><em>Glyphyalinia raderi</em></td>
<td>II c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Calciophile and a burrower that lives in forest leaf litter</td>
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<td>Other Terr Inverts</td>
<td>McGraw Gap xystodesmid millipede</td>
<td><em>Nannaria ericaea</em></td>
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<td>Unknown</td>
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<td>Other Terr Inverts</td>
<td>Melinda millipede</td>
<td><em>Conotyla melinda</em></td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Terr Inverts</td>
<td>Montane centipede</td>
<td><em>(Escaryus cryptorobius)</em></td>
<td>II c</td>
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<td>No habitats have been identified for this species</td>
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<td>Mountain disc snail</td>
<td><em>(Anguispira jessica)</em></td>
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<td>Natural Bridge supercoil</td>
<td><em>(Paravitrea pontis)</em></td>
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<td>Ovate vertigo snail</td>
<td><em>(Vertigo ovata)</em></td>
<td>IV c</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Raminoid litter and on cattail leaves in swamps, sedge meadows, wet and mesic prairie, low calcareous meadows, river banks, lakeshores, roadside ditches, and wooded wetlands</td>
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<td>Palmetto vertigo</td>
<td>Vertigo oralis</td>
<td>IV c</td>
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<td>Broadleaf and graminoid leaf litter accumulations, and under logs, in wet woodlands including pool margins in oak-sweetgum forest, red maple swamp, cypress swamp, and riparian and pocosin scrub</td>
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<td>Pinhole threetooth</td>
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<td>Pittsylvania three-tooth</td>
<td>Triodopsis burchi</td>
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<td>Pocock's lampshade-web spider</td>
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<td>Other Terr</td>
<td>Proud globe snail</td>
<td>Mesodon elevatus</td>
<td>IV c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Calcareous river bluffs and ravines with oak, maple, hickory, or sycamore</td>
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<td>Red-legged purse-web spider</td>
<td>Sphodros rufipes</td>
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<td>Ribbed striate</td>
<td>Striatura exigua</td>
<td>IV c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>No habitats have been identified for this terrestrial snail</td>
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<td>Antrodiaetus robustus</td>
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<td>Paravitrea reesei</td>
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<td>Rounded dome</td>
<td><em>Ventrilids lawae</em></td>
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<td>Rubble coil</td>
<td><em>Helicodiscus liruelus</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Barren</td>
<td>Known from two rubble piles at the bases of two hills in Rockbridge county.</td>
<td>This species is endemic to a small portion of the Ridge and Valley ecoregion. The only known threat involves the disturbance of slopes where the species is found. The primary management action is to protect the hills where found. The only research need included is to conduct more surveys near the location of current populations. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Rust glyph</td>
<td><em>Glyphyalinia picea</em></td>
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<td>Shaggy coil</td>
<td><em>Helicodiscus diadema</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Open vegetated</td>
<td>Known from four locations and occupies leaf litter at the base of limestone/shale outcrops.</td>
<td>This species is endemic to the Ridge and Valley. Threats listed include: disturbance to the rock, trees around leaf litter, or the leaf litter itself. No management actions are included. The only research need included is to survey near the known populations to try to identify additional populations. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<td>Shenandoah Mountain xystodesmid millipede</td>
<td><em>Nannaria shenandoah</em></td>
<td>II</td>
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<td>Shenandoah pseudoscorpi on</td>
<td><em>Kleptochthonius polychaetus</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>b</td>
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<td>Slim snaggletooth</td>
<td>Gastrocopta pellucida</td>
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<td>Smallmouth vertigo</td>
<td>Vertigo parvula</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Limestone substrata, low elevation, steep slopes, neutral soils and leaf litter microhabitat</td>
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<td>Smith Creek xystodesmid millipede</td>
<td>Nannaria laminata</td>
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<td>Snowhill ambersnail</td>
<td>Catinella hubrichti</td>
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<td>South Branch Valley cave millipede</td>
<td>Pseudotremia princeps</td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Caves with clean abundant water flowing through the system.</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2c.</td>
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<td>Southeastern wandering spider</td>
<td>Anahita punctulata</td>
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<td>Spirit supercoil</td>
<td>Paravitrea hera</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Site specific - inhabits leaf litter on specific river bluffs in Pittsylvania county</td>
<td>This species only occurs in Pittsylvania County. Logging in the wooded bluffs where this species occurs is the only known threat. The primary management action is to work with willing landowners to protect these wooded bluffs from logging and disturbance. Research needs include surveys as this species is only known from its shells. This species will be prioritized as Tier1a.</td>
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<td>Suborb glyph</td>
<td><em>Glyphyalinia sculptilis</em></td>
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<td>Swamp vertigo</td>
<td><em>Vertigo teskeyae</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Open mud and water-saturated logs in floodplain forests and along river, pond, and lake shores following water level drawdown in mid to late summer</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Talus coil</td>
<td><em>Helicodiscus triodus</em></td>
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<td>Barren</td>
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<td><em>Vallonia parvula</em></td>
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<td>Calcareous cliff, alvar, grassland and upland forest</td>
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<td><em>Brachoria turneri</em></td>
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<td><em>Microcreagris valentinei</em></td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Caves with clean abundant water flowing through the system.</td>
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<td>Variable mantleslug</td>
<td><em>Pallifera varia</em></td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Moist forest habitats</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Terrestrial</td>
<td>Exposed rock outcrops and talus within mature forest, usually on steep (15-30 degree) slopes at elevations from 340-490 m; usually on nearly vertical rock surfaces or the underside of rock (mostly sandstone but also shale and limestone) overhangs</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td>Other Terr Inverts</td>
<td>Virginia fringed mountain snail</td>
<td><em>Polygyriscus virginianus</em></td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Leaf litter but burrows in loose, damp, dolomitic limestone talus mixed with rootlets and clay</td>
<td>Recent surveys conducted by the US Fish and Wildlife Service indicate this species has a larger distribution than previously thought. The two most significant threats to this species are disturbance/destruction of the narrow habitat area and climate change. Efforts should be made to work with willing landowners to conserve the occupied habitat via acquisition, easement, or agreement. This species will</td>
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<td><em>Philomycus virginicus</em></td>
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<td>Whitetop Mountain centipede</td>
<td><em>Escaryus orestes</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>No habitats have been identified for this species</td>
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<td>Other Terr Inverts</td>
<td>Widespread column</td>
<td><em>Pupilla muscorum</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Disturbed anthropogenic habitats such as road verges, vacant lots, abandoned quarries, old fields, and concrete culverts, occasionally inhabit less disturbed carbonate cliff, glade, and grassland sites</td>
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<td>Wrinkled button</td>
<td><em>Mesomphix rugeli</em></td>
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<td><em>Ventridens pilsbryi</em></td>
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<td>Yellow globelet snail</td>
<td><em>Mesodon clausus</em></td>
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<td>Bog turtle</td>
<td><em>Clemmys muhlenbergii</em></td>
<td>I a</td>
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<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Emergent wetlands with dense vegetation</td>
<td>The original wildlife action plan indicated this species would benefit from more rigorous enforcement of collection laws and efforts to conserve/restore wetland habitats used by this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Canebrake rattlesnake</td>
<td><em>Crotalus horridus (canebrake)</em></td>
<td>II a</td>
<td>Barren</td>
<td>#N/A</td>
<td>Permanent ponds, marshes, streams, and rivers, east of the Shenandoah river, with vegetated shorelines and amphibian and small fish populations</td>
<td>Virginia's Canebrake Rattlesnake recovery plan was completed in 2011. This document identifies 7 management actions and research needs for this species. These include conserving and restoring occupied habitats, enforcing laws to preclude take, monitoring known populations and looking for new populations, researching the species' life history, working to conserve or restore large forest patches in occupied areas, developing outreach materials, and researching translocation and artificial hibernation as a potential recovery tool.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Common ribbonsnake</td>
<td><em>Thamnophis sauritus sauritus</em></td>
<td>IV a</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td></td>
<td>Ponds, lakes, streams, rivers, swamps, freshwater marshes, and brackish marshes.</td>
<td>The needs of this species are consistent with priorities to conserve and restore wetland habitats. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Common snapping Turtle</td>
<td><em>Chelydra serpentina</em></td>
<td>IV b</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td></td>
<td>Ponds, lakes, streams, rivers, swamps, freshwater marshes, and brackish marshes.</td>
<td>Virginia's snapping turtle populations have become the target of commercial harvesters. Harvested animals are either processed for human consumption or shipped to Asia for propagation purposes. It is unclear if this level of harvest is sustainable. DGIF has initiated research to determine if populations are being impacted by these commercial activities and what management or regulatory changes should be made to conserve this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4b. This ranking will be reconsidered when research needs have been addressed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Cumberland slider</td>
<td><em>Trachemys scripta troostii</em></td>
<td>III c</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td></td>
<td>A variety of freshwater habitats including rivers, ponds, lakes, and roadside ditches</td>
<td>Additional information regarding this species' distribution and life history are required before other research or conservation needs can be identified. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td>Eastern black kingsnake</td>
<td><em>Lampropeltis nigra</em></td>
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<td></td>
<td>This species is known to utilize various habitats including dry rocky hills, open woods, dry prairies, stream valleys, and many other habitats. Despite its limited distribution in Virginia, no threats, research, or conservation actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Eastern box turtle</td>
<td><em>Terrapene carolina carolina</em></td>
<td>III a</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td></td>
<td>This species is known to use a variety of areas including forests, wetlands, and interdunal areas. This species benefits from the maintenance of open canopied woodlands and meadows with areas of dense ground cover. These habitat needs are consistent with priorities to conserve forest and open habitats in eastern and western Virginia. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Eastern chicken turtle</td>
<td><em>Deirochelys reticularia reticularia</em></td>
<td>I a</td>
<td>Forest</td>
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<td>Extreme habitat specialist - only two sites known. The chicken turtle is only known to occur at First Landing (formerly Seashore) State Park in the City of Virginia Beach and at the Cat Ponds in Isle of Wight County. After several years of survey efforts, only one older female was found at FLSP. This population should be considered biologically extinct. Survey efforts at the Cat Ponds have resulted in what appears to be a small (&lt;30 adults), but stable and reproducing population. The primary focus of conservation for this species should be the permanent protection of the Cat Ponds. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Eastern glass lizard</td>
<td><em>Ophisaurus ventralis</em></td>
<td>II a</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td></td>
<td>Pine savanna and grassy areas near marshes. The needs of this species are consistent with priorities to conserve and restore wetland habitats; including the establishment of vegetative buffers. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Eastern hog-nosed snake</td>
<td><em>Heterodon platirhinos</em></td>
<td>IV c</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td></td>
<td>This species inhabits areas with sandy soils. They have been found in fields, open grassy areas adjacent to woodlands, and various forest types. No threats, research, or conservation actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Eastern slender glass lizard</td>
<td><em>Ophisaurus attenuatus longicaudus</em></td>
<td>IV a</td>
<td>Open vegetated</td>
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<td>Savanna and other open habitats. This species' needs are consistent with priorities to conserve and restore open habitats in eastern portions of Virginia. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Glossy crayfish snake</td>
<td><em>Regina rigida</em></td>
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<td>c</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Freshwater wetland generalist</td>
<td>Additional information regarding this species’ distribution and life history are required before other research or conservation needs can be identified. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Green Sea Turtle</td>
<td><em>Chelonia mydas</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>b</td>
<td>#N/A</td>
<td>#N/A</td>
<td>Very little is known about which habitats this species utilizes in Virginia or how those habitats could be managed to better benefit this species. Research needs are identified with the Virginia and Maryland Sea Turtle Conservation Plan. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1b. This status will be reconsidered as these research needs are addressed.</td>
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<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Kemp’s ridley sea turtle</td>
<td><em>Lepidochelys kempii</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>#N/A</td>
<td>#N/A</td>
<td>DGIF staff recommend this species be added to the Action Plan and listed as Tier 1a. On the ground species and habitat management strategies have been articulated within the Virginia and Maryland Sea Turtle Conservation Plan.</td>
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<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Leatherback Sea Turtle</td>
<td><em>Dermochelys coriacea</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>#N/A</td>
<td>#N/A</td>
<td>DGIF staff have recommended this species be added to the Action Plan and be included as Tier 1c. Very little is known about this species in Virginia waters. It would be beneficial to better determine status. Implementing the Virginia and Maryland Sea Turtle Conservation Plan would likely benefit this species.</td>
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<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Loggerhead sea turtle</td>
<td><em>Caretta caretta</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Shoreline</td>
<td>Nests on ocean-facing beaches and occurs in the lower Chesapeake Bay and inshore, nearshore and offshore coastal waters.</td>
<td>DGIF staff recommend this species be added to the Action Plan and listed as Tier 1a. On the ground species and habitat management strategies have been articulated within the Virginia and Maryland Sea Turtle Conservation Plan.</td>
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<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Mountain earthsnake</td>
<td><em>Virginia valeriae pulchra</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Forested portions of NW Highland County</td>
<td>DGIF has indicated a need to document this species’ distribution, ecological requirements, and life history. This species will be prioritized as tier 2c.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Mudsnake</td>
<td><em>Farancia abacura</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Wetland generalist as long as aquatic salamanders are present</td>
<td>The needs of this species are consistent with priorities to conserve and restore wetlands. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Northern diamondback terrapin</td>
<td><em>Malaclemys terrapin terrapin</em></td>
<td>II a</td>
<td></td>
<td>Shoreline</td>
<td>Barrier beaches, estuarine marshes and waters.</td>
<td>The 2005 Action Plan identifies no research or management opportunities specific to this species. Since 2005, this species has become an increasing source of concern. Populations appear to be impacted by loss of submerged aquatic vegetation and foraging habitat, loss of nesting habitat, and mortalities related to crab pots. Regulations have been put in place to prevent the collection of this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Northern map turtle</td>
<td><em>Graptemys geographica</em></td>
<td>IV a</td>
<td></td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Clear flowing water with gravel substrates</td>
<td>The needs of this species and its primary prey (freshwater mollusks) are consistent with priorities to conserve and restore aquatic and riparian habitats and maintain good water quality. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Northern pinesnake</td>
<td><em>Pituophis melanoleucus melanoleucus</em></td>
<td>I a</td>
<td></td>
<td>Open vegetated</td>
<td>Dry open slopes with cover and soils suitable for burrowing</td>
<td>The historic range of the pinesnake in Virginia includes at least 5 vouched and 11 unvouched records from 11 counties in the Blue Ridge and western Ridge and Valley regions of Virginia. A century ago, pinesnakes were considered common in several parts of Virginia. Prevalence persisted through the mid-1940s up to the mid-1970s. Fire suppression, habitat loss and fragmentation, and human persecution are most likely the primary causes of this species disappearance in Virginia. Because there have been no sightings in the past 25 years, this species is presumed extirpated from Virginia. A recent investigation demonstrated habitat is available and that a reintroduction is feasible. This species is listed as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Queen snake</td>
<td><em>Regina septemvittata</em></td>
<td>IV a</td>
<td></td>
<td>Open vegetated</td>
<td>Crayfish obligate clear streams with rock or sandy bottoms and vegetated shorelines</td>
<td>The needs of this species and its primary prey (crayfish) are consistent with priorities to conserve and restore aquatic and riparian habitats and maintain good water quality. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Rainbow snake</td>
<td><em>Farancia erytrogramma erytrogramma</em></td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Riparian forest - eel obligate</td>
<td>The needs of this species and its primary prey (eels) is consistent with priorities to conserve and restore aquatic and riparian habitats and maintain good water quality. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Scarlet kingsnake</td>
<td><em>Lampropeltis elapsoides</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Forests, meadows and agricultural areas.</td>
<td>For a long time the status of the scarlet kingsnake (<em>Lampropeltis elapsoides</em>) in Virginia has been debated and was based on the highly variable phenotypic patterns of the <em>Lampropeltis triangulum</em> complex. For many years, it was concluded that populations of <em>L. triangulum</em> were intergrades between <em>L.t. triangulum</em> and <em>L.t. elapsoides</em>. In 2007, however, it was concluded that scarlet kingsnakes were a distinct species in Virginia. Genetic samples were limited to southern Bedford County, but specimens from Albemarle, Appomattox and Mecklenburg counties are also considered valid. Unconfirmed photos from Nelson County need to be substantiated. Until the status and distribution can be better defined, this species should be listed as a Tier 3c.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Scarletsnake</td>
<td><em>Cemophora coccinea copei</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Forest generalist but require soils suitable for digging</td>
<td>The needs of this species are consistent with action plan priorities to conserve and restore patches of mature forests in the eastern portions of Virginia. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Smooth greensnake</td>
<td><em>Opheodrys vernalis</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Barren</td>
<td>Moist meadows or grassy areas at the edges of bogs or small streams</td>
<td>This species benefits from the maintenance of balds and other open habitats. This need is consistent with priorities to maintain and create open habitats, including balds, in western portions of Virginia. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Southeastern crowned snake</td>
<td><em>Tantilla coronata</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
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<td>Forest generalist but require soils suitable for digging</td>
<td>Basic life history and distribution research are needed for this species. This species will be classified as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Spiny softshell</td>
<td><em>Apalone spinifera spinifera</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Clean clear rivers with flowing water and sand substrates</td>
<td>The needs of this species are consistent with action plan priorities to conserve and restore aquatic and riparian habitats and maintain good water quality. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Spotted turtle</td>
<td><em>Clemmys guttata</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Freshwater swamps and marshes</td>
<td>The needs of this species are consistent with priorities to conserve and restore wetland habitats. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<td><em>Sternotherus minor peltifer</em></td>
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<td>a</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>Warm streams with fast flows and rock and cobble substrates</td>
<td>The needs of this species are consistent with action plan priorities to conserve and restore aquatic and riparian habitats and maintain good water quality. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Timber rattlesnake</td>
<td><em>Crotalus horridus (timber)</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Barren</td>
<td>Hibernates in fissures in rock ledges or talus slopes. When active, utilizes a diversity of forest and open habitats.</td>
<td>This species can best be protected by protecting hibernacula via regulation, acquisition, or other management opportunity. This species would also benefit from action plan priorities to conserve and restore various forest and open habitats. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Wood turtle</td>
<td><em>Glyptemys insculpta</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Clear streams with adjacent riparian forests and fields</td>
<td>Virginia’s original wildlife action plan indicated this species would benefit from more rigorous enforcement of collection laws and efforts to conserve/restore riparian and upland habitats used by this species. A variety of research topics are also identified. The habitat conservation efforts are consistent with the new action plan's conservation priorities. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Reptiles</td>
<td>Yellow-bellied slider</td>
<td><em>Trachemys scripta scripta</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>b</td>
<td>Aquatic</td>
<td>A variety of freshwater habitats including rivers, ponds, lakes, and roadside ditches</td>
<td>This species is most threatened by the red-eared slider which was introduced to Virginia via the pet trade. These two sub-species can breed which diminishes the genetic integrity of the native yellow-eared slider. Before conservation actions can be defined, additional research is required to more fully describe the extent to which the yellow-bellied slider has interbred with, the red-eared slider, determine if the removal of red-eared sliders could be achieved, and determine how to prevent the future introduction of red-eared sliders into additional watersheds. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4b.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>A cane moth</td>
<td><em>Argillophora furcilla</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Variety of habitats as long as there is substantial cane</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
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<td><em>Franclemontia interrogans</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
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<td>Not well known</td>
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<td><em>Pseudanophthal mus gracilis</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Caves with clean abundant water flowing through the system.</td>
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<td>A noctuid moth</td>
<td><em>Hadena ectypa</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Wooden areas or openings in them</td>
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<td>A noctuid moth</td>
<td><em>Meropleon titan</em></td>
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<td>Unknown</td>
<td>No habitat requirement</td>
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<td><em>Oxycilla mitographa</em></td>
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<td>A noctuid moth</td>
<td><em>Zale curema</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Mountain species associated with pitch pine</td>
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<td>A shield bug</td>
<td><em>Galgupha denudata</em></td>
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<td>A spur-throat grasshopper</td>
<td><em>Melanoplus pachycercus</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Woodland/ hardwood</td>
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<td>A tiger beetle</td>
<td><em>Cicindela formosa generosa</em></td>
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<td><em>Cicindela gratiosa</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Dune</td>
<td>Sandy soils with some clay content in sparsely vegetated patches</td>
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<td><em>Cicindela limbalis</em></td>
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<td><em>Oncozygia clavicornis</em></td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>American Bumble Bee</td>
<td><em>Bombus pensylvanicus</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Variety of open and grassland habitats</td>
<td>This species is impacted by habitat loss, insecticide use, climate change, pathogens from captive bees, exotic and invasive species, and intentional and accidental deaths. Actions to conserve bumble bees include managing pesticide free grassland and young forest habitats with suitable forage plants and nest sites. Habitat guidelines from the Wildlife Management Institute's Young Forest Project and the DGIF's Quail Action Plan should be suitable to enhance bumble bee conservation. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>American burying beetle</td>
<td><em>Nicrophorus americanus</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>Grassland, old field shrubland, and hardwood forests</td>
<td>There are no known populations of this species in Virginia but it has a high likelihood of occurring in Virginia. Threat to it elsewhere include: habitat fragmentation and the related loss of edge habitat. No management actions are listed in the Action Plan. The research need listed is to conduct surveys to determine if any populations can be found. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>An assassin bug</td>
<td><em>Ploiaria hirticornis</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Appalachian grasshopper</td>
<td><em>Appalachia hebardi</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Acidic mountain heathlands</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Appalachian grizzled skipper</td>
<td><em>Pyrgus wyandot</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>Dry open areas with shale soils, clear cuts, utility rights of way, and other areas with dwarf cinquefoil</td>
<td>The primary threats to this species include habitat succession and gypsy moth control measures. The following management action is included: all shale barren and powerline right of ways in the Ridge and Valley should be exempted from gypsy moth spraying. The following research needs are includes: surveys to identify additional populations, understanding the relationship between distribution and density to disturbance regimes. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Arogos skipper</td>
<td>Atrytone arogos arogos</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>No details for Virginia</td>
<td>This species is likely extripated from Virginia. Historic threats included habitat degradation and poor management. If the species is found in Virginia, a likely management action would be to restore large tracts of native grasses, that support many small, frequent burns. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Ashton Cuckoo Bumble Bee</td>
<td>Bombus bohemicus</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>Various open and grassland habitats.</td>
<td>Bumble bees are impacted by habitat loss, insecticide use, climate change, pathogens from captive bees, exotic and invasive species, and intentional and accidental deaths. Actions to conserve bumble bees include managing pesticide free grassland and young forest habitats with suitable forage plants and nest sites. Habitat guidelines from the Wildlife Management Institute’s Young Forest Project and the DGIF’s Quail Action Plan should be suitable to enhance bumble bee conservation. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Avernus cave beetle</td>
<td>Pseudanophthal mus avernus</td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Caves with clean abundant water flowing through the system.</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2c.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Barrens dagger moth</td>
<td>Acronicta albarufa</td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Dry oak dominated habitats, including black oak or bur oak savanna and overgrown former savanna and pitch pine/scrub oak barrens, and especially ozark oak and oak-hickory woods</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Barrens tiger beetle</td>
<td>Cicindela patruela</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Sandy/coarse gravel or eroding sandstone throughout the species’ range</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td>Black dash</td>
<td>Euphyes conspicua</td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Shrubby or partially wooded (red maple) wetland or part thereof at least co-dominated by Carex stricta</td>
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<td><em>Lordithon niger</em></td>
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<td>Brimley’s assassin bug</td>
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<td>Bronze copper</td>
<td><em>Lycaena hyllus</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Marshes, sedge meadows, moist to wet grassy meadows, ditches, fens, streamside or pondshore wetlands, or roads and right of ways through marshlands</td>
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<td>Buchholz’s gray moth</td>
<td><em>Hypomecis buchholzaria</em></td>
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<td>Buffalo Mountain mealybug</td>
<td><em>Puto kosztarabi</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>South slope of Buffalo Mountain in Floyd County, Virginia and the site where it is found is already under state ownership. No threats or management actions are included in the Action Plan. The primary research need includes researching life history and conducting surveys. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<td>Burkes Garden cave beetle</td>
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<td>Chestnut clearwing moth</td>
<td><em>Synanthedon castaneae</em></td>
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<td>Chestnut leaf-mining moth</td>
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<td>Combeck assassin bug</td>
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<td>Consort underwing</td>
<td><em>Catocala consors sorsconi</em></td>
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<td>Crossroads Cave beetle</td>
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<td>Cumberland Gap cave beetle</td>
<td><em>Pseudanopththal mus hirsutus</em></td>
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<td>Dark stoneroor borer moth</td>
<td><em>Papaipema duplicata</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Foodplant <em>Collinsonia</em> is common in rich hardwood forest</td>
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<td>Deceptive cave beetle</td>
<td><em>Pseudanopththal mus deceptivus</em></td>
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<td>Delicate cave beetle</td>
<td><em>Pseudanopththal mus delicatus</em></td>
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<td>Subterranean obligate</td>
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<td>Diana fritillary</td>
<td><em>Speyeria diana</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Deciduous or mixed forest with a lot of violets in the understory in most of the range</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Dismal Swamp green stink bug</td>
<td><em>Chlorochroa dismalia</em></td>
<td>III</td>
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<td>Doll’s Merolonch moth</td>
<td><em>Merolonche dolli</em></td>
<td>III</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Acid oak-heath forest</td>
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<td>Dotted skipper</td>
<td><em>Hesperia attalus slossonae</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>Short grass prairies, pine barrens, and woodland meadows</td>
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<td>Dukes’ skipper</td>
<td><em>Euphyes dukesi</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Adjacent open wetlands for nectar, but the primary habitat is sedge</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td>Dusky roadside-skipper</td>
<td><em>Amblyscirtes</em> alternata</td>
<td>III c</td>
<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>Open grassy pine woods but may range from moist to dry, includes moist flatwoods, savannas, and sandhill ridges</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Early hairstreak</td>
<td><em>Erora laeta</em></td>
<td>IV c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Hardwood forests or hardwood-northern conifer mixed forests</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Frosted elfin</td>
<td><em>Callophrys irus</em></td>
<td>IV c</td>
<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>Natural settings, such as grassy openings or burn scars in barrens and savannas</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Georgia satyr</td>
<td><em>Neonympha areolata</em></td>
<td>IV c</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Wet to boggy meadows, savannas, and wet pinelands</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Hebard's noctuid moth</td>
<td><em>Erythroecia hebardi</em></td>
<td>III c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Forests with many foodplants</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Hercules club stink bug</td>
<td><em>Elasmostethus atrimonis</em></td>
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<td>Hessel's hairstreak</td>
<td><em>Callophrys hessei</em></td>
<td>III c</td>
<td>Wetland/forest</td>
<td>Bog/fen, riparian</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Hoary elfin</td>
<td><em>Callophrys polios</em></td>
<td>IV c</td>
<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>Rocky or sandy barrens, bogs, outcrops etc. with abundant bearberry. Also in dry rocky forest with <em>Epigea repens</em></td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Holsinger’s cave beetle</td>
<td><em>Pseudanophthalmus holsingeri</em></td>
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<td>c</td>
<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Caves with clean abundant water flowing through the system.</td>
<td>This species is endemic to Young-Fugate Cave in Lee County, Virginia and that the species is stable. The majority of known habitat occurs either beneath or immediately adjacent to US58 in Lee County. Threats to this species include the following: alteration of surface features that would affect the water table such as removal of forest cover, road construction, and water pollution in various forms. Management actions include limiting gypsy moth spraying near caves where this species is found. Research needs include life history studies and regular surveys to determine current status of the species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1c.</td>
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<td>Hubbard’s cave beetle</td>
<td><em>Pseudanophthalmus hubbardi</em></td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Jefferson’s short-nosed scorpionfly</td>
<td><em>Brachypanorpa jeffersoni</em></td>
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<td>King’s hairstreak</td>
<td><em>Satyrium kingi</em></td>
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<td>Lemmer’s pinion moth</td>
<td><em>Lithophane lemmeri</em></td>
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<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Swamps with Atlantic white cedar (Chamaecyparis thyoides) dominant or at least common</td>
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<td>Little Kennedy Cave beetle</td>
<td><em>Pseudanophthalmus cordicollis</em></td>
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<td>Little metalmark</td>
<td><em>Calephelis virginiensis</em></td>
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<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>Open grassy fields, pine savanna, salt marsh meadows, and wood margins</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Long dash</td>
<td><em>Polites mystic</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>Lush, moist flowery meadows whether natural or artificial, including old fields, pastures, hayfields</td>
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<td>Long-headed cave beetle</td>
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<td>Maiden Spring cave beetle</td>
<td><em>Pseudanophthalus virginicus</em></td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Marbled underwing</td>
<td><em>Catocala marmorata</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Riparian and forest</td>
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<td>Milne’s Euchlaena moth</td>
<td><em>Euchlaena milnei</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Unknown, but appears to be in hardwood forests</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Mississippi turtle bug</td>
<td><em>Allopopods mississippiensis</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Mitchell’s satyr</td>
<td><em>Neonympha mitchellii</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Calcareous fen complexes, sedge meadows</td>
<td>The primary threats facing this species include: loss of wetland habitat (sedge fens or meadows) and historic over collection. This species would likely benefit from the conservation and restoration of wetland habitats. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Mixed dart moth</td>
<td><em>Euxoa immixta</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
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<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Monarch Butterfly</td>
<td>Danaus plexippus plexippus</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>Breeding areas are virtually all patches of milkweed in North America and some other regions</td>
<td>Threats to this species includes the loss of milkweed and nectar sources in agricultural lands and the loss of forests in the US, Canada, and Mexico. Actions to conserve monarchs include the conservation and restoration of existing grasslands with milkweed and other nectar producing plants, and working to conserve known migratory roost sites. Habitat guidelines from DGIF’s Quail Action Plan should be consistent with habitats needed by monarchs. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3a.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Mottled duskywing</td>
<td><em>Erynnis martialis</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Strongly associated with various sorts of oak (black, post, etc.) or pine (jack, pitch, longleaf) savannas or open woodlands, non-coastal pine barrens, or grassy openings within these communities, also probably embankments along rivers</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Mud-dwelling cave beetle</td>
<td><em>Pseudanophthal mus limicola</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Caves with clean abundant water flowing through the system.</td>
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<td>Natural Bridge cave beetle</td>
<td><em>Pseudanophthal mus pontis</em></td>
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<td>Nelson's cave beetle</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>New River Valley cave beetle</td>
<td><em>Pseudanophthal mus egberti</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Twilight zone or deeper in or on moist soil, often near streams or drip areas</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2c.</td>
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<td>Northeastern beach tiger beetle</td>
<td><em>Cicindela dorsalis dorsalis</em></td>
<td>II a</td>
<td>Beach</td>
<td>Beach obligate - does not tolerate heavy foot or vehicle traffic</td>
<td>Management largely focused on conserving beach habitats and excluding human use from occupied areas. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Northern bush katydid</td>
<td><em>Scudderia septentrionalis</em></td>
<td>IV c</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Northern metalmark</td>
<td><em>Calephelis borealis</em></td>
<td>IV c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Openings within forested or wooded areas</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Orange-bellied tiger beetle</td>
<td><em>Cicindela abdominalis</em></td>
<td>IV c</td>
<td>Dune/open habitat</td>
<td>Dry, sandy, coastal plain pine barrens, sand hills, and other pine or mixed pine-oak woodland or scrub</td>
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<td>Overlooked cave beetle</td>
<td><em>Pseudanophthalus praetermissus</em></td>
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<td>Palatka skipper</td>
<td><em>Euphyes pilatka</em></td>
<td>III c</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Brackish and freshwater sawgrass marshes and mangroves</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Persius duskywing</td>
<td><em>Erynnis persius persius</em></td>
<td>II c</td>
<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>Pine barrens/ oak savanna and other open sunny habitats</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2c.</td>
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<td>Petrunkevitch's cave beetle</td>
<td><em>Pseudanophthalus petrunkevitchi</em></td>
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<td>Pine barrens underwing</td>
<td><em>Catocala herodias</em></td>
<td>III c</td>
<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>Scrubby oaks, pine barrens, and some oak savanna</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Pink-edged sulphur</td>
<td><em>Colias interior</em></td>
<td>IV c</td>
<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>Bogs, any kind of low heathland, pine barrens, burn scars, logged areas, right of ways, other openings in forests</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Pink-streak moth</td>
<td><em>Faronta rubripennis</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>Natural sandy grassy situations such as prairies and dunes</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Precious underwing</td>
<td><em>Catocala pretiosa</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Pinelands swamp forest</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2c.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Rare skipper</td>
<td><em>Problema bulenta</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Freshwater and brackish marsh</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Rare spring moth</td>
<td><em>Heliomata infulata</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Forest or woodland species</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Regal fritillary</td>
<td><em>Speyeria idalia</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>Glades and prairie remnants</td>
<td>The likely threats to this species include spraying for gypsy moth and increasing distance between suitable habitats. Management actions include the following: protection of remaining grasslands within its range, cessation of collection, and suspension of spraying for gypsy moth where it likely occurs. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Riverbank tiger beetle</td>
<td><em>Cicindela ancicisconensis</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Riparian</td>
<td>Open sand or a matrix of sand and cobble along permanent streams or medium-sized rivers</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Rotund cave beetle</td>
<td><em>Pseudanophthal mus rotundatus</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Caves with clean abundant water flowing through the system</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2c.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Rusty-patched bumble bee</td>
<td><em>Bombus affinis</em></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>Various open and grassland habitats.</td>
<td>Bumble bees are impacted by habitat loss, insecticide use, climate change, pathogens from captive bees, exotic and invasive species, and intentional and accidental deaths. Actions to conserve bumble bees include managing pesticide free grassland and young forest habitats with suitable forage plants and nest sites. Habitat guidelines from the Wildlife Management Institute's Young Forest Project and the DGIF's Quail Action Plan should be suitable to enhance bumble bee conservation. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Pseudanophthalus sanctipauli</td>
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<td>Cave/Karst</td>
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<td>Sandpit alydid bug</td>
<td>Stachyocnemus apicalis</td>
<td>III</td>
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<td>Schaum's ground beetle</td>
<td>Sphaeroderus schaumii</td>
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<td>Silken cave beetle</td>
<td>Pseudanophthalus sericus</td>
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<td>Six-banded longhorn beetle</td>
<td>Dryobius sexnotatus</td>
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<td>Smyth's Apamea moth</td>
<td>Apamea smythi</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>Forested areas</td>
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<td>South Branch Valley cave beetle</td>
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<td>Southeastern myotis bat fly</td>
<td>Basilia boardmani</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
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<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 3c.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Southern Plains Bumble Bee</td>
<td>Bombus fraternus</td>
<td>II</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>Various open and grassland habitats.</td>
<td>Bumble bees are impacted by habitat loss, insecticide use, climate change, pathogens from captive bees, exotic and invasive species, and intentional and accidental deaths. Actions to conserve bumble bees include managing pesticide free grassland and young forest habitats with suitable forage plants and nest sites. Habitat guidelines from the Wildlife Management Institute's Young Forest Project and the DGIF's Quail Action Plan should be suitable to enhance bumble bee conservation. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2a.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Southern Ptichodis moth</td>
<td><em>Ptichodis bistrigata</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Probably xeric, maybe also mesic, pine/oak scrub, savanna and prairie</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Spectral tiger beetle</td>
<td><em>Cicindela lepida</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Dune</td>
<td>Open, deep, dry, sparsely vegetated sands, as well as dunes, openings in various woodlands, old sand pits, sandy washes in some areas</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Spotted cave beetle</td>
<td><em>Pseudanophthal mus punctatus</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Twilight zone or deeper in or on moist soil, often near streams or drip areas</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2c.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Straley's Cave beetle</td>
<td><em>Pseudanophthal mus quadratus</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Cave/Karst</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Sweet underwing</td>
<td><em>Catocala dulciola</em></td>
<td>III</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Forest species</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Tawny crescent</td>
<td><em>Phyciodes batesii batesii</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>Dry habitats, including clearings, open woods and roadsides containing wavy-leaved asters</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Thin-neck cave beetle</td>
<td><em>Pseudanophthal mus parvicollis</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Caves with clean abundant water flowing through the system.</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 2c.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Thomas' cave beetle</td>
<td><em>Pseudanophthal mus thomasi</em></td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Caves with clean abundant water flowing through the system.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Tuscarora emerald</td>
<td><em>Nemoria tuscarora</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Two-spotted skipper</td>
<td>Euphyes bimacula</td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Wetland</td>
<td>Bogs, sedge meadows, sedge marshes along streams and sometimes openings in swamps</td>
<td>No specific research needs or management actions have been identified for this species. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4c.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Variable Cuckoo Bumble Bee</td>
<td>Bombus variabilis</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Open habitat</td>
<td>Various open and grassland habitats.</td>
<td>Bumble bees are impacted by habitat loss, insecticide use, climate change, pathogens from captive bees, exotic and invasive species, and intentional and accidental deaths. Actions to conserve bumble bees include managing pesticide free grassland and young forest habitats with suitable forage plants and nest sites. Habitat guidelines from the Wildlife Management Institute's Young Forest Project and the DGIF's Quail Action Plan should be suitable to enhance bumble bee conservation. This species will be prioritized as Tier 1a.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Vicariant cave beetle</td>
<td>Pseudanophthal mus vicarius</td>
<td>II</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Cave/Karst</td>
<td>Caves with clean abundant water flowing through the system.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Yellow Bumble Bee</td>
<td>Bombus fervidus</td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Variety of open and grassland habitats</td>
<td>This species is impacted by habitat loss, insecticide use, climate change, pathogens from captive bees, exotic and invasive species, and intentional and accidental deaths. Actions to conserve bumble bees include managing pesticide free grassland and young forest habitats with suitable forage plants and nest sites. Habitat guidelines from the Wildlife Management Institute's Young Forest Project and the DGIF's Quail Action Plan should be suitable to enhance bumble bee conservation. This species will be prioritized as Tier 4a.</td>
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<td>Terr Insects</td>
<td>Yellow stoneroof borer moth</td>
<td>Papaipema astuta</td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>Wooded environment with Collinsonia</td>
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<td><em>Bombus terricola</em></td>
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<td>Various open and grassland habitats.</td>
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<td><strong>Terr Insects</strong></td>
<td>Yellow-edged Pygarctia moth</td>
<td><em>Pygarctia abdominalis</em></td>
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<td>c</td>
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<td><strong>Terr Insects</strong></td>
<td>Yucca giant-skimmer</td>
<td><em>Megathyrmus yuccae</em></td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>Dune</td>
<td>Coastal dunes, dry pine woods, sandy fields</td>
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