



Endangered Species are any species of living thing (animals, plants, fungi, and more) that is likely to become extinct in the near future. Extinct means that there are no more living individuals of that species. A species can be endangered or extinct globally (everywhere), or in a specific place.

**There are currently more than 31,000 species threatened with extinction around the world.**

**Spread the word about an endangered species or endangered species in general by creating an art project in the medium of your choice!**

This could be a drawing, painting collage, poem, story, video, cartoon, or any other form you want to use.

**Share your project with us through #gscncEarthDay**

If you need some inspiration for what species to focus on, visit <https://www.iucnredlist.org>.

For a list of endangered species in the United States, visit <https://www.fws.gov/endangered/>.

**CHALLENGE MODE:** Find a species that you have never heard of or didn't know was endangered to feature in your art project. Consider picking a species that isn't an animal!

### Discussion Questions and Additional Learning

- Do some additional research on your species. Where do they live? What habitat do they live in?
- Research the biggest reasons why species become endangered. Why is your specific species endangered?
- Why is it important for us to protect endangered species?
- What are some laws that we have in the U.S. to help protect endangered species and wildlife in general?

**Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors:** you can complete Step 3 of the Girl Scouts Nation's Capital **Endangered Species Patch Program** through this activity! For more information and to view the patch requirements, visit [gscnc.org](https://gscnc.org) and search for the patch in the search bar.

GSCNC has partnered with NOAA to help you earn the patch online! Visit <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/earn-endangered-species-patch-online-noaa-resources> for more information.