



Submission to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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Information: X

Decision:

Issue: Consultation on Amending the List of Species under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA)


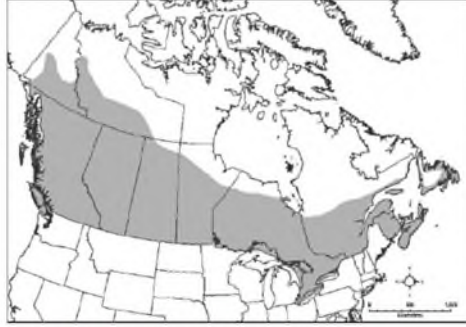
Background:



- 7 (sub)species (Table 1) which occur in Nunavut are under consideration for addition or a status change under the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA)

Consultation Plan:



- It is expected that consultations on the proposed amendments to the list of Species at Risk in Canada will be held between January and October 2022. Organizations such as Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTOs), and regional wildlife boards will be asked to provide their formal position on the proposed listing (i.e. oppose, support or are indifferent) and any other comments, concerns or information that they feel should be considered.
- CWS plans to consult with Hunter and Trapper Organizations, regional wildlife boards, and regional Inuit associations in Nunavut communities where the species does or is likely to occur (see Table 1).
- CWS will also engage Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and the Government of Nunavut.



Table 1: (Sub)species under consideration for addition or status change under the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA), a summary of the current status and reason for assessment, range extent and proposed communities to be consulted.


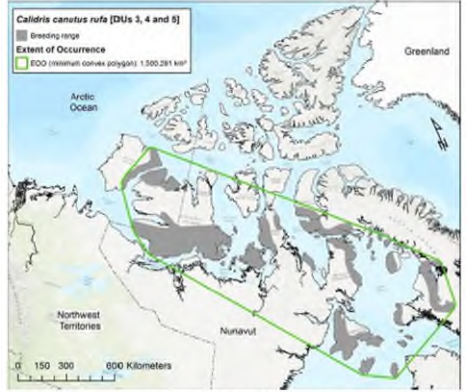
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<p>Barn Swallow</p>  <p><u>Barn Swallow</u> (<i>Hirundo rustica</i>) - Species search - Species at risk registry (canada.ca)</p>	<p>Under consideration for listing at lower risk category.</p> <p>New Proposed (COSEWIC) status – Special Concern (2020)</p> <p>Current (Schedule 1) status SARA – Threatened (2017)</p>	<p>This species was reassessed as special concern mainly due to a stabilization in Canadian population trends.</p> <p>If listed as Special Concern, a national Management Plan will be required.</p>	 <p>Canadian breeding range of Barn Swallow</p> <p>It breeds irregularly in Nunavut, although it has been observed in nearly every region of the territory as far north as Nasaruaalik Island, and has been documented nesting on Akimiski Island and nest building in Arviat. The regular breeding range excludes Nunavut.</p>	<p>Send out an email (English and Inuktitut) and mail a package containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Part 1: Consultation on Amending the List of Species Under the <i>Species at Risk Act</i> (English) -Part 2: The List of Species Eligible for an Amendment to Schedule 1 (English) -Part 3: Species Summaries (English and Inuktitut) <p>Questionnaire to be sent later (English and Inuktitut)</p> <p>Follow-up calls to all.</p> <p>Sending to the following HTO's and organizations: Aqiggiag; Aiviitl; Aqigiq ; Arviat; Arviq; Baker Lake; Ekaluktutiak; Arctic Bay; Issatik; Kugluktuk; Pond Inlet; Resolute Bay</p>

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<p>Lesser Yellowlegs</p>  <p><u>Lesser Yellowlegs (Tringa flavipes) - Species search - Species at risk registry (canada.ca)</u></p>	<p>Under consideration for listing.</p> <p>New Proposed (COSEWIC) status – Threatened (2020)</p> <p>Current (Schedule 1) status SARA – Not listed</p>	<p>This species was assessed as threatened due to substantial long- and short-term declines and predicted on-going threats from loss of habitat, hunting pressure, and climate change.</p> <p>If listed as Threatened, a national Recovery Strategy will be required, including identification of critical habitat.</p>	 <p>Canadian breeding range and estimate of extent of occurrence of Lesser Yellowlegs.</p> <p>The breeding range of Lesser Yellowlegs in Canada extends through most of the boreal forest from northern Yukon to western Labrador. In Nunavut, it is mainly restricted to the forested portions of</p>	<p>Send out an email (English and Inuktitut) and mail a package containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Part 1: Consultation on Amending the List of Species Under the <i>Species at Risk Act</i> (English) -Part 2: The List of Species Eligible for an Amendment to Schedule 1 (English) -Part 3: Species Summaries (English and Inuktitut)



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			the territory though observations have been made north of the tree line.	<p>Questionnaire to be sent later (English and Inuktitut)</p> <p>Follow-up calls to all.</p> <p>Sending to the following HTO's and organizations:</p> <p>Aqiggiag; Aiviit; Aqigiq; Arviat; Baker Lake; Burnside; Ekaluktutiak; Issatik; Kugluktuk; Pond Inlet; Clyde River; Omingmaktok; Sanikiluaq</p> <p>Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated; Nunavut Wildlife Management Board; Government of Nunavut; Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board; Kitikmeot Inuit Association; Kivalliq Wildlife Board; Kivalliq Inuit Association; Qikiqtani Inuit Association; Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board</p>

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<p>Red Knot <i>islandica</i></p>  <p><u>Red Knot</u> <u><i>islandica</i></u> <u>subspecies</u> <u>(<i>Calidris canutus islandica</i>) -</u> <u>Species search -</u> <u>Species at risk</u> <u>registry</u> <u>(canada.ca)</u></p>	<p>Under consideration for removal from SARA list.</p> <p>New Proposed (COSEWIC) status – Not at Risk (2020)</p> <p>Current (Schedule 1) status <i>SARA</i> – Special Concern (2012)</p>	<p>This subspecies was reassessed as Not at Risk due to the stabilization of populations and a reduction to threats, primarily shellfish harvesting in Europe.</p> <p>There are no listing implications.</p>	 <p>Extent of occurrence (EOO) and index of area of occupancy (IAO) for Red Knot <i>C. c. islandica</i> (DU1) in Canada, based on the known breeding range within the northeastern Canadian Arctic</p> <p>In Nunavut, Red Knot <i>islandica</i> breeds in the Canadian High Arctic and winters on the European Atlantic seaboard.</p>	<p>Send out an email (English and Inuktitut) and mail a package containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Part 1: Consultation on Amending the List of Species Under the <i>Species at Risk Act</i> (English) -Part 2: The List of Species Eligible for an Amendment to Schedule 1 (English) -Part 3: Species Summaries (English and Inuktitut) <p>Questionnaire to be sent later (English and Inuktitut)</p> <p>Follow-up calls to all.</p> <p>Sending to the following HTO's and organizations: Arctic Bay; Grise Fiord; Pond Inlet; Resolute Bay</p> <p>Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated; Nunavut Wildlife Management Board; Government of Nunavut; Qikiqtani Inuit</p>


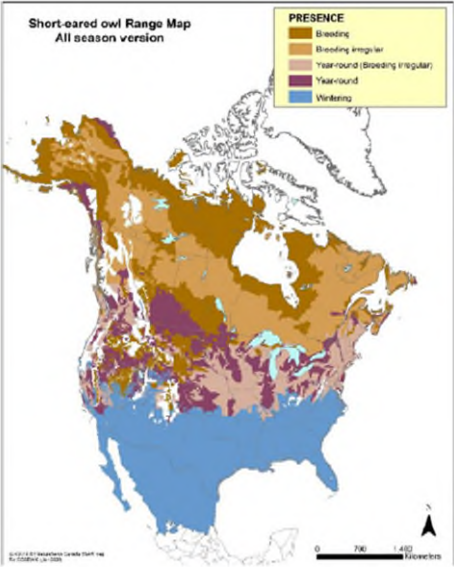
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<p>Red Knot <i>rufa</i> (Northeastern South America wintering population)</p>  <p><u>Red Knot <i>rufa</i> subspecies (<i>Calidris canutus rufa</i>), Northeastern South America wintering population - Species search - Species at risk registry (canada.ca)</u></p>	<p>Under consideration for listing.</p> <p>New Proposed (COSEWIC) status – Special Concern (2020)</p> <p>Current (Schedule 1) status <i>SARA</i> – Threatened (2010)*</p>	<p>This species was assessed as Special Concern due to threats along migratory routes, primarily from human harvesting of Horseshoe Crab (whose eggs are an essential food source for northbound migrants), but also predation and disturbance from recreational activities.</p> <p>Currently, a combined Recovery Strategy and Management Plan exists for Red Knot, which includes all subspecies. Critical habitat has been partially identified.</p>	 <p>Extent of occurrence (EOO) for Red Knot <i>C. c. rufa</i> (DUs 3, 4, and 5) in Canada, based on the known breeding range of the subspecies within the central Canadian Arctic</p> <p>This subspecies overwinters on the northeastern coast of South America, centred in northern coastal Brazil. It breeds across central Nunavut and overlaps with the Southeastern USA/Gulf of Mexico/Caribbean Wintering population.</p>	<p>Send out an email (English and Inuktitut) and mail a package containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Part 1: Consultation on Amending the List of Species Under the <i>Species at Risk Act</i> (English) -Part 2: The List of Species Eligible for an Amendment to Schedule 1 (English) -Part 3: Species Summaries (English and Inuktitut) <p>Questionnaire to be sent later (English and Inuktitut)</p> <p>Follow-up calls to all.</p> <p>Sending to the following HTO's and organizations: Aiviit; Cape Dorset; Iqaluit; Arviat; Arviq; Ekaluktutiak; Gjoa Haven; Hall Beach; Igloolik;</p>

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				<p>Qutairuruaq (Kugaaruk); Pond Inlet; Omingmaktok; Spence Bay</p> <p>Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated; Nunavut Wildlife Management Board; Government of Nunavut; Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board; Kitikmeot Inuit Association; Kivalliq Wildlife Board; Kivalliq Inuit Association; Qikiqtani Inuit Association; Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board</p>
<p>Red Knot <i>rufa</i> (Southeastern USA/Gulf of Mexico/Caribbean Wintering population)</p>  <p><u>Red Knot <i>rufa</i> subspecies</u></p>	<p>Under consideration for listing.</p> <p>New Proposed (COSEWIC) status – Endangered (2020)</p> <p>Current (Schedule 1) status SARA – Threatened (2010)*</p>	<p>This species was assessed as Endangered due steep declines in population with no sign of recovery. Threats to this species are similar to the Northeastern South America wintering population.</p> <p>Currently, a combined Recovery Strategy and Management Plan exists for Red Knot, which includes all subspecies. Critical habitat has been partially identified.</p>	 <p>Extent of occurrence (EOO) for Red Knot <i>C. c. rufa</i> (DUs 3, 4, and 5) in Canada, based on the known breeding range of the subspecies within the central Canadian Arctic</p>	<p>Send out an email (English and Inuktitut) and mail a package containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Part 1: Consultation on Amending the List of Species Under the <i>Species at Risk Act</i> (English) -Part 2: The List of Species Eligible for an Amendment to Schedule 1 (English)

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<u>(Calidris canutus rufa).</u> <u>Southeastern USA / Gulf of Mexico / Caribbean wintering population - Species search - Species at risk registry (canada.ca)</u>			<p>This subspecies overwinters along the coasts of southeastern United States, Gulf of Mexico and islands in the Caribbean Sea. It breeds across central Nunavut and overlaps with the Northeastern South America wintering population.</p>	<p>-Part 3: Species Summaries (English and Inuktitut)</p> <p>Questionnaire to be sent later (English and Inuktitut)</p> <p>Follow-up calls to all.</p> <p>Sending to the following HTO's and organizations:</p> <p>Aiviit; Cape Dorset; Iqaluit; Arviat; Arviq; Ekaluktutiak; Gjoa Haven; Hall Beach; Igloolik; Qutairuruaq (Kugaaruk); Pond Inlet; Omingmaktok; Spence Bay</p> <p>Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated; Nunavut Wildlife Management Board; Government of Nunavut; Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board; Kitikmeot Inuit Association; Kivalliq Wildlife Board; Kivalliq Inuit Association;</p>

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<p>Ross's Gull</p>  <p><u>Ross's Gull</u> (<i>Rhodostethia rosea</i>) - Species search - Species at risk registry (canada.ca)</p>	<p>Under consideration for listing at higher risk category.</p> <p>New Proposed (COSEWIC) status – Endangered (2020)</p> <p>Current (Schedule 1) status <i>SARA</i> – Threatened (2003)</p>	<p>This species was reassessed as Endangered due to a restricted Canadian population, inferred population declines and a retraction of the breeding range paired with on-going threats from climate change, toxic airborne chemicals, and predation of chicks.</p> <p>Currently a Recovery Strategy exists for Ross's Gull. However, the Recovery Strategy could be updated to include the identification of Critical Habitat which has not yet been identified due to a lack of data.</p>	 <p>Extant breeding sites of Ross's Gull in Canada</p> <p>This species nests at 1-3 known colonies in the Canadian High Arctic and likely winters in the Labrador Sea. Fewer than 20 mature individuals are known to breed in Canada, although roughly similar numbers may occur undetected.</p>	<p>Send out an email (English and Inuktitut) and mail a package containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Part 1: Consultation on Amending the List of Species Under the <i>Species at Risk Act</i> (English) -Part 2: The List of Species Eligible for an Amendment to Schedule 1 (English) -Part 3: Species Summaries (English and Inuktitut) <p>Questionnaire to be sent later (English and Inuktitut)</p> <p>Follow-up calls to all.</p> <p>Sending to the following HTO's and organizations: Aqiggiag; Aiviit; Aqigiq; Arviat; Arviq; Baker Lake; Ekaluktutiak; Gjoa Haven;</p>

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				<p>Hall Beach; Igloolik; Arctic Bay; Issatik; Kugluktuk; Pond Inlet; Pangnirtung; Sanikiluaq; Resolute Bay; Spence Bay</p> <p>Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated; Nunavut Wildlife Management Board; Government of Nunavut; Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board; Kitikmeot Inuit Association; Kivalliq Wildlife Board; Kivalliq Inuit Association; Qikiqtani Inuit Association; Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board</p>

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<p>Short-eared Owl</p>  <p><u>Short-eared Owl (Asio flammeus) - Species search - Species at risk registry (canada.ca)</u></p>	<p>Under consideration for listing at higher risk category.</p> <p>New Proposed (COSEWIC) status – Threatened (2020)</p> <p>Current (Schedule 1) status SARA – Special Concern (2012)</p>	<p>This species was reassessed as Threatened due to new data that suggests the Canadian population is roughly 10% of the estimate from the initial assessment paired with projected declines from future threats related to loss of habitat.</p> <p>If listed as Threatened, a national Recovery Strategy will be required, including identification of critical habitat</p>	 <p>Short-eared owl Range Map All season version</p> <p>PRESENCE Breeding Breeding irregular Year-round (breeding irregular) Year-round Wintering</p> <p>Breeding, wintering, and year-round distribution of Short-eared Owl in North America</p> <p>Short-eared Owl has the broadest global distribution of any owl. It breeds across much of mainland Nunavut, and portions of southern Victoria Island, and northern Baffin Island.</p>	<p>Send out an email (English and Inuktitut) and mail a package containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Part 1: Consultation on Amending the List of Species Under the <i>Species at Risk Act</i> (English) -Part 2: The List of Species Eligible for an Amendment to Schedule 1 (English) -Part 3: Species Summaries (English and Inuktitut) <p>Questionnaire to be sent later (English and Inuktitut)</p> <p>Follow-up calls to all.</p> <p>Sending to the following HTO's and organizations: Aqiggiag; Aiviit; Aqigiq; Arviat; Arviq; Baker Lake; Burnside; Ekaluktutiak; Gjoa Haven; Hall Beach; Igloolik; Issatik; Kugluktuk; Qutairuruaq (Kugaaruk); Pond Inlet;</p>

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				<p>Omingmaktok; Sanikiluaq; Spence Bay</p> <p>Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated; Nunavut Wildlife Management Board; Government of Nunavut; Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board; Kitikmeot Inuit Association; Kivalliq Wildlife Board; Kivalliq Inuit Association; Qikiqtani Inuit Association; Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board</p>

*New population structure, currently listed on SARA Schedule 1 as Red Knot *roselaari* type

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