



Endangered Species

Do you have a favorite animal? How would you feel if you found out that your favorite animal—or another kind of animal or even a plant—could soon become extinct? Unfortunately, there is a long list of plants and animals that are considered endangered, which means the species is at serious risk of extinction. This patch will help you learn about endangered species and encourage you to start to think about how you can help.

How to earn the Endangered Species patch the Girl Scout way:

Steps:

1. **Discover**—What does it mean when a species is on the endangered list, and which plants or animals are endangered?
2. **Connect**—Find an endangered species in Pennsylvania and learn about it.
3. **Take Action**—Teach your friends and family about endangered species and how they can help.

Materials Needed:

In order to complete this patch, you'll want to gather resources. Go online with an adult or ask an expert to help you research endangered species in your area.

STEP

1 Discover what it means when a species is on the endangered list and which animals are endangered.

Research what it means for a plant or animal to be endangered and how species become recognized as endangered by completing at least one of the following:

- Visit a zoo, nature center, or natural history museum and talk to an expert about endangered species.
- Go to the library and find books on endangered species.
- Go online with an adult or visit a library to research wildlife organizations that focus on helping endangered species.

STEP

2 Learn about an endangered species in Pennsylvania.

Visit a local nature center, speak with a wildlife educator, and/or research endangered species online at websites like nrcs.usda.gov, fishandboat.com, and www.pgc.ps.gov. (Search “PA Threatened and Endangered Species.”)

STEP

3

Teach your friends and family about endangered species and how they can help.

Share information about endangered species with your friends and family to help them understand the importance of helping these species. By raising awareness, you help to protect endangered species. Try one of the following ideas or come up with your own:

- Hold a stream clean-up day.
- Create a wildlife habitat, like planting wildflowers for bees and butterflies.
- Visit the National Geographic Kids website (kids.nationalgeographic.com) and search “animal rescue awareness” to find more ideas.

All done?

CONGRATULATIONS!

You've completed all the necessary steps to earn the Endangered Species patch.



After completing the activities from each step, visit or call a Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania retail shop at **800-248-3355** to purchase your patch. A patch may be worn on the back of a vest, sash or tunic.