

Species on the Edge Art & Essay Contest

Fifth grade students **advocate** for an endangered or threatened species from New Jersey by writing a well-researched, creative essay and creating an original art piece!

OPEN TO ALL
ALL NJ 5TH GRADERS!

STUDENTS
BECOME:

RESEARCHERS!

BIOLOGISTS!

ARTISTS!

CRITICAL
THINKERS!



Official
**CONTEST
ENTRY FORM**

SIMPLE,
FREE, & FUN
TO ENTER

ONE TALENTED STUDENT WINNER FROM EACH NJ COUNTY

2019 Species on the Edge Art and Essay

Official Rules

Each student must choose one of the endangered or threatened wildlife species that lives in New Jersey, create artwork with this animal as the subject, and write a creative, persuasive essay that responds to one of the prompts below.

Essay

Requirements

Write an essay about your animal that answers **ONE** these questions:

How are the needs of this animal's family similar to your own?

Pretend you are an endangered species. What do you want people to know about you, why do you need protection, and what can people do to help save you and your species?

Some endangered species in New Jersey have been brought back from the brink of extinction by wildlife biologists. Tell us your animal's success story.

To be considered, essays must:

- Discuss one of New Jersey's threatened or endangered species
- Be fewer than 500 words or one page long
- Be revised and edited for grammatical errors
- Integrate research about the animal's diet, habitat, reproduction, and natural history in NJ

Artwork

Requirements

Choose one of NEW JERSEY's endangered or threatened wildlife species and create artwork with this animal as the subject.

To be considered, artwork must:

Artwork **MUST** be either 11 in. x 17 in. or 12 in. x 18 in. and no more than 1/4 in. thick. Do not include a border.

Do not copy published photographs or illustrations.

DO NOT USE photography, chalk, pastels, oil pastels, or computer generated artwork.

Paint, colored pencil, markers, collage, pen & ink, crayon, or other mediums may be used.

Do not mat, frame, or laminate, or use **ANY** lettering on the artwork.

SEE RUBRIC IN CONTEST KIT FOR SPECIFIC JUDGING CRITERIA

Official Entry Instructions and Form

The artwork and essay will be judged together as a whole. Please see the rubric included with the contest kit for comprehensive judging criteria. A list of NJ's endangered and threatened wildlife is included with this kit. ARTWORK WILL NOT BE RETURNED UNLESS A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE IS INCLUDED WITH ENTRY.



Essays should be typed in size 12 Times New Roman font. Essay and entry form MUST be taped to the back of the artwork.



Essays must include the following heading TYPED at the top of the page: student's name, grade, age, school, school address, teacher's name, and teacher's telephone number.



DUE DATE:

AVOID FOLDING OR ROLLING ENTRIES. ENTRIES FOLDED MORE THAN ONCE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

CONTEST ENDS ON JANUARY 31, 2019. ARTWORK AND ESSAYS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 31, 2019.

MAIL TO:

CONSERVE WILDLIFE FOUNDATION
OF NJ, PO BOX 420, MAIL CODE 501-
03E, TRENTON, NJ 08625-0420
INCLUDE COUNTY NAME ON OUTSIDE
OF PACKAGE

FOLLOW
Directions

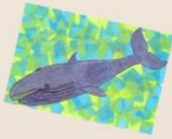
TO AVOID BEING DISQUALIFIED

The form below must be completed in its entirety and signed by a parent or guardian. One entry per student. Entry form may be copied.

Student's Name:	Grade:	Age:	Gender:
SCHOOL Name:	NJ COUNTY:	Teacher's Name:	
SCHOOL Address:	City:	Zip:	Teacher's Email:
HOME Address:	City:	Zip:	
Species Chosen for Artwork & Essay:		Art Medium Used:	
Parent/Guardian Name:		Parent/Guardian Home Tel. # (REQUIRED):	
Parent/Guardian Signature (REQUIRED*):		Parent/Guardian Email (REQUIRED):	

*My signature certifies that I have read the rules and regulations of this contest and that the artwork and essay submitted are the work of the above student. I understand that entries will not be returned or acknowledged unless requested, and the submission becomes the property of the Conserve Wildlife Foundation upon entry into contest. I give Conserve Wildlife Foundation permission to exhibit, use, publish, and republish the submission for any purpose, including but not limited to the Internet,

Endangered and Threatened Species of NJ



CONSERVE WILDLIFE
FOUNDATION OF NEW JERSEY

BIRDS

Endangered

American Bittern
Bald Eagle
Peregrine Falcon
Northern Gosawk
Red-billed Grebe
Northern Harrier
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red Knot
Short-eared Owl
Piping Plover
Black Rail
Upland Sandpiper
Shrike Loggerhead
Black Skimmer
Henslow's Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow
Least Tern
Roseate Tern
Golden-winged Warbler
Sedge Wren

Botaurus lentiginosus
Haliaeetus leucocephalus
Falco peregrinus
Accipiter gentilis
Podilymbus podiceps
Circus cyaneus
Buteo lineatus
Calidris cantus
Asio flammeus
Charadrius melodus
Lateralus jamaicensis
Battus longicauda
Lanius ludovicianus
Rynchops niger
Ammodramus henslowii
Poocetes gramineus
Sterna antillarum
Sterna dougallii
Hemivora chrysiptera
Cistothorus platensis

Bobolink
Bald Eagle
Cattle Egret
American Kestrel
Horned Lark
Black-crowned Night-heron
Yellow-crowned Night-heron
Osprey
Barred Owl
Long-eared Owl
Black Rail
Grasshopper Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Red-headed Woodpecker

Threatened

Dolichonyx oryzivorus
Haliaeetus leucocephalus
Bubulcus ibis
Falco sparverius
Erismophila alpestris
Nycticorax nycticorax
Nycticorax violacea
Pandion haliaetus
Strix varia
Asio otus
Lateralus jamaicensis
Ammodramus savanarum
Passerculus sandwichensis
Melanerpes erythrocephalus

REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

Endangered

Timber Rattlesnake
Corn Snake
Queen Snake
Bog Turtle
Atlantic Hawkbill
Atlantic Leatherback
Atlantic Loggerhead
Atlantic Ridley
Blue-spotted Salamander
Eastern Tiger Salamander
Southern Gray Treefrog

Crotalus h. horridus
Elaphe g. guttata
Regina septemvittata
Glyptemys muhlenbergii
Eretmochelys imbricata
Dermochelys coriacea
Caretta caretta
Lepidochelys kempi
Ambystoma laterale
Ambystoma tigrinum
Hyla chrysocelis

Northern Pine Snake
Green Atlantic Turtle
Wood Turtle
Eastern Mud Salamander
Long-tailed Salamander
Pine Barrens Treefrog

Threatened

Ptychocheilus m. melanoleucus
Chelonia mydas
Glyptemys insculpta
Pseudotriton montanus
Eurycea longicauda
Hyla andersonii

INVERTEBRATES

Endangered

American Burying Beetle
Northeastern Beach Tiger Beetle
Bronze Copper
Brook Floater Mussel
Green Floater Mussel
Gray Petaltail Gray Dragonfly
Mitchell's Satyr Butterfly
Argoas Skipper Butterfly
Appalachian Grizzled Skipper Butterfly
Dwarf Wedgemussel

Nicrophorus americanus
Cincindela d. dorsalis
Lycia hylia
Aisaxmidonta varicosa
Lasimigona subviridis
Tachopteryx thoreyi
Neonympha m. mitchellii
Arytone argoas argoas
Pyrgus virescens
Aisaxmidonta heterodon

Robust Baskettail Dragonfly
Banner Clubtail Dragonfly
Harpoon Clubtail Dragonfly
Frosted Elfyn Butterfly
Kennedy's Emerald Dragonfly
Triangle Floater Mussel
Silver-bordered Fritillary
Suber's Jewelwing Dragonfly
Eastern Langmussel Mussel
Yellow Langmussel Mussel
Tidewater Mucket Mussel
Eastern Pondmussel
Brook Snaketail Dragonfly
Checkedered white Butterfly

Threatened

Ephippa spinosa
Gomphus apomyia
Gomphus descipius
Calliphrys irus
Somatochlora kennedyi
Aisaxmidonta undulata
Balaria selene myrina
Calliphieryx amata
Lampyris radiata
Lampyris cariosa
Leptodea ochracea
Ligumia nasuta
Ophiogomphus asperus
Pantia protodice

MAMMALS

Endangered

Indiana Bat
Bobcat
North Atlantic Right Whale
Blue Whale
Fin Whale
Humpback Whale
Sea Whale
Sperm Whale
Allegheny Woodrat

Myotis sodalis
Lynx rufus
Eubalaena glacialis
Balaenoptera musculus
Balaenoptera physalus
Megaptera novaeangliae
Balaenoptera borealis
Physeter macrocephalus
Neotoma magister

Atlantic Sturgeon
Shortnose Sturgeon

FISH

Endangered

Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus
Acipenser brevirostrum

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