

## Endangered Species

Endangered species are plants or animals that are in danger of extinction, meaning all of their kind may die.

### *Encyclopedias*

A good place to start exploring the topic of endangered species is to use a specialized encyclopedia that focuses on that topic. Check with your librarian to see if your library has an endangered species encyclopedia. If it does, the encyclopedia will give you a list of endangered plants and animals as well as additional information.

General encyclopedias will also provide information on this topic, although the information will not be as extensive.

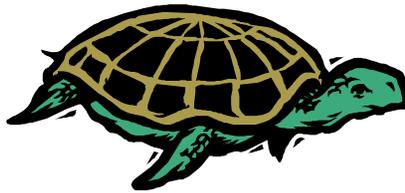


### *Catalog*

When using the library catalog, use the term, “endangered species.” For information about a specific type of plant or animal, use the name of the plant or animal when searching the catalog. Sometimes you may need to use a more general term, for instance, instead of looking for “blue whales,” you may need to look for “whales.”

### *Endangered Species*

The call number for endangered species is **578.68**. This includes both plants and animals. You may also be able to find books under the type of species. See the categories that follow.



### *Endangered Animals*

Information about endangered animals is usually located at **591.68**. However, endangered birds are often under **598.168**, and endangered mammals may be at **599.68**.

Using the catalog to find the exact number is the most reliable way to find the right number. Do a **subject search** using the name of the animal. If you cannot find anything under the name of the animal, try using another word. For example, use “turtles” if “Kemp’s Ridley turtles” doesn’t work.

### *Endangered Plants*

Books about plants are from **580 to 589**, with special numbers for different types of plants (trees are **582.16**). The location for endangered plants is **581.68**; however, you may also find what you are looking for under the type of plant.

Use the name of the plant when searching the catalog. Sometimes you may need to use a more general word like “ferns.”



### *Protecting Endangered Species*

Information about resources to protect endangered species is located in **333.95**. This includes careers in conservation and wildlife refuges.

*Having trouble deciding on a topic?*

*Need help finding some sources  
to help you?*

*Can't find information on a topic  
you have chosen?*

*Who are you going to call?  
**Your Librarian!***

And don't forget Internet sources.  
Your librarian will be able to help  
you find some reliable websites to  
help you decide on your topic or  
give you more information on a  
topic you have already selected.  
Articles in periodicals are another  
source of great information that  
your librarian can help you  
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