



Mammals of Vermont
Vermont Natural Heritage Information Project
Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department
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The following is a list of mammal species known to regularly occur in Vermont. Historic species (not documented in Vermont in the last 25 years) are included if there is a reasonable expectation of their return. Not included are species that are extinct or extirpated from the state.

The list is organized taxonomically to genus, then alphabetically within genus.

Species that are not native to Vermont are indicated with an asterisk (*).

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Scientific Name	Common Name	State Rank	Global Rank	State Status	Federal Status	SGCN
<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	Virginia Opossum	S5	G5			
<i>Glaucomys sabrinus</i>	Northern Flying Squirrel	S4	G5			SGCN
<i>Glaucomys volans</i>	Southern Flying Squirrel	S5	G5			SGCN
<i>Marmota monax</i>	Woodchuck	S5	G5			
<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>	Eastern Gray Squirrel	S5	G5			
<i>Tamias striatus</i>	Eastern Chipmunk	S5	G5			
<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>	Red Squirrel	S5	G5			
<i>Castor canadensis</i>	American Beaver	S5	G5			
<i>Napaeozapus insignis</i>	Woodland Jumping Mouse	S5	G5			
<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>	Meadow Jumping Mouse	S5	G5			
<i>Microtus chrotorrhinus</i>	Rock Vole	S2	G4	SC		SGCN
<i>Microtus pennsylvanicus</i>	Meadow Vole	S5	G5			
<i>Microtus pinetorum</i>	Woodland Vole	S3	G5			SGCN
<i>Myodes gapperi</i>	Southern Red-backed Vole	S5	G5			
<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>	Common Muskrat	S5	G5			SGCN
<i>Peromyscus leucopus</i>	White-footed Deermouse	S5	G5			
<i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>	North American Deermouse	S5	G5			
<i>Synaptomys cooperi</i>	Southern Bog Lemming	S2	G5			SGCN
* <i>Mus musculus</i>	House Mouse	SNA	G5			
* <i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	Brown Rat	SNA	G5			
<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>	North American Porcupine	S5	G5			
<i>Lepus americanus</i>	Snowshoe Hare	S5	G5			
* <i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>	Eastern Cottontail	SNA	G5			
<i>Sylvilagus transitionalis</i>	New England Cottontail	SH	G3	SC	C	SGCN
<i>Blarina brevicauda</i>	Northern Short-tailed Shrew	S5	G5			
<i>Sorex cinereus</i>	Cinereus or Masked Shrew	S5	G5			SGCN
<i>Sorex dispar</i>	Long-tailed or Rock Shrew	S2	G4	SC		SGCN
<i>Sorex fumeus</i>	Smoky Shrew	S4	G5			SGCN
<i>Sorex hoyi</i>	American Pygmy Shrew	S2	G5			SGCN
<i>Sorex palustris</i>	American Water Shrew	S3	G5			SGCN
<i>Condylura cristata</i>	Star-nosed Mole	S5	G5			
<i>Parascalops breweri</i>	Hairy-tailed Mole	S4	G5			SGCN

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<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>	Big Brown Bat	S4	G5			SGCN
<i>Lasionycteris noctivagans</i>	Silver-haired Bat	S2B	G5			SGCN
<i>Lasiurus borealis</i>	Eastern Red Bat	S4B	G5			SGCN
<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>	Hoary Bat	S3B	G5			SGCN
<i>Myotis leibii</i>	Eastern Small-footed Bat	S1	G3	T		SGCN
<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	Little Brown Bat	S1	G5	E		SGCN
<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Northern Long-eared Bat	S1	G4	E		SGCN
<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	Indiana Bat	S1	G2	E	LE	SGCN
<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i> Synonym: <i>Pipistrellus subflavus</i> (Eastern Pipistrelle)	Tri-colored Bat	S1	G5	PE		SGCN
<i>Canis latrans</i>	Coyote	S5	G5			
<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	Gray Fox	S5	G5			SGCN
<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	Red Fox	S5	G5			
<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	Canadian Lynx	S1	G5	E	LT	SGCN
<i>Lynx rufus</i>	Bobcat	S5	G5			SGCN
<i>Puma concolor cougar</i> Synonym: <i>Felis concolor cougar</i>	Eastern Mountain Lion	SH	G5THQ	E	LE	SGCN
<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	North American River Otter	S5	G5			SGCN
<i>Martes americana</i>	American Marten	S1	G5	E		SGCN
<i>Martes pennanti</i>	Fisher	S5	G5			
<i>Mustela erminea</i>	Ermine	S5	G5			
<i>Mustela frenata</i>	Long-tailed Weasel	S3S4	G5			SGCN
<i>Neovison vison</i>	American Mink	S5	G5			SGCN
<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	Striped Skunk	S5	G5			
<i>Procyon lotor</i>	Raccoon	S5	G5			
<i>Ursus americanus</i>	American Black Bear	S5	G5			SGCN
<i>Alces americanus</i>	Moose	S5	G5			
<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	White-tailed Deer	S5	G5			

Species: 58

Explanation of Legal Status and Information Ranks

State Rank and Global Rank - Value that best characterizes the relative rarity (abundance) or endangerment of a taxon within Vermont's geographic boundary or throughout its range, respectively. Ranks are as follows:

1 - Very rare (Critically imperiled): At very high risk of extinction or extirpation due to extreme rarity (often 5 or fewer populations or occurrences), very steep declines, or other factors

2 - Rare (Imperiled): At high risk of extinction or extirpation due to very restricted range, very few populations (often 20 or fewer), steep declines, or other factors

3 - Uncommon (Vulnerable): At moderate risk of extinction or extirpation due to restricted range, relatively few populations or occurrences (often 80 or fewer), recent and widespread declines, or other factors

4 - Common to uncommon (Apparently secure): locally common or widely scattered to uncommon, but not rare; some cause for long-term concern due to declines or other factors; or stable over many decades and not threatened but of restricted distribution or other factors

5 - Common (Secure): widespread and abundant

H - Possibly extinct/extirpated: Missing; known from only historical occurrences but still some hope of rediscovery

X - Presumed extinct/extirpated: Not located despite intensive searches and virtually no likelihood of rediscovery

U = Unrankable: Currently unrankable due to lack of information or due to substantially conflicting information about status or trends

NR = Not ranked: Not yet assessed

NA = Not applicable. Element is not a suitable target for conservation for one of the following reasons: Hybrid, Exotic Origin, Accidental/Nonregular, Not Confidently Present, No Definable Occurrences

B - Indicates the preceding rank is for breeding populations (used for migratory bat species).

An indicator of uncertainty about the rank, either in the form of a range rank (e.g. S1S3) or a ? qualifier, may follow a numeric rank.

For global ranks only, an appended T-rank indicates an infraspecies.

For global ranks only, a qualifier after the rank in the form of a Q indicates questionable taxonomy.

State Status - Legal protection under Vermont Endangered Species Law (10 V.S.A. Chap. 123)

E = Endangered: in immediate danger of becoming extirpated in the state

T = Threatened: with high possibility of becoming endangered in the near future

or informational category only- not established by law

PE = Proposed for Endangered Status

PT = Proposed for Threatened Status

PDL = Proposed for Delisting

SC = Special Concern: status should be watched

Federal Status - Designation under the federal Endangered Species Act, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

LE = Listed Endangered

LT = Listed Threatened

PDL = Proposed for Delisting

C = Candidate for Listing (not legally protected)

SGCN - Species of Greatest Conservation Need as identified in the Vermont Wildlife Action Plan; does not denote legal protection.