



Today, as we celebrate Endangered Species Day, it is crucial to remember the plants and animals that are at risk of extinction in our parks today.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) is an essential piece of legislation that continues to save wildlife and plant species from extinction ever since it passed in 1973. Unfortunately, its protections have been under threat in recent years, as many have attempted to weaken the ESA or dismantle it altogether.

National Parks provide refuge for a variety of endangered plants and animals and the ESA is the cornerstone of their protection. Without it, the grizzly bears we love to see in Yellowstone, the grey wolves that have just started to repopulate North Cascades and the rare ghost orchid of Big Cypress could be wiped out of existence.

By preserving the Endangered Species Act, we can ensure that these species and many others continue to thrive and contribute to the rich diversity of life in our parks.

As park supporters, we have a responsibility to speak up for the plants and animals that cannot speak for themselves. I invite you to share the links below with friends and family so they can join us in the fight to protect the ESA.

- [Learn more about the park wildlife and wild lands that are impacted by the Endangered Species Act](#)
- [Discover more about the work NPCA has done to protect wildlife](#)
- [Read more about how the ESA benefits our parks](#)



Thank you for your continued support in protecting our national parks and the amazing creatures that call them home.



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