



New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife
Endangered and Nongame Species Program:
Rehabilitator Protocol

2011



- 1) Upon receipt of a species with endangered, threatened, or special concern status, please ask the person who found the animal to complete and submit a "Rare Wildlife Sighting Report Form". Please ask them to include a map with the location where the animal was found.

The Sighting Report Form, as well as additional instructions, are also available at:

<http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/ensp/rprtform.htm>

A current list of the species with status of endangered or threatened status, as well as a link to the species of special concern, is located at: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/tandespp.htm>

- 2) You must contact the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Endangered and Nongame Species Program (ENSP) within 24 hours of receiving any endangered and threatened species.
DO NOT CONTACT ANY OFFICE OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED BELOW:

- a) In northern New Jersey: Call ENSP's Northern Region office at (908) 638-4127
(Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren)
- b) In central New Jersey: Call ENSP's Trenton office at (609) 292-9400
(Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean)
- c) In southern New Jersey: Call ENSP's Tuckahoe office at (609) 628-2103
(Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem counties)

****Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm. Each office listed above has either voice mail or an answering machine. Please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.**

- 3) **No one** has authorization to treat an endangered or threatened species unless they have contacted the Endangered and Nongame Species Program (ENSP) and have received authorization over the telephone, or have prior permission from ENSP staff. Please be sure to get the name of the biologist who has given you authorization to treat it.
- 4) If you receive an endangered or threatened species on a Friday evening or can not make contact with a biologist from the ENSP:
 - a) Gather necessary data (Sighting Report Form:
<http://njfishandwildlife.com/ensp/pdf/rprtform.pdf>).
 - b) Contact the proper office (select from the three listed in #2)
 - c) Since you will be unable to receive authorization by telephone to treat the endangered or threatened species, you are permitted to provide critical care and transport it to a rehabilitator that specializes in that species (see #5). For example, if you are a "mammal rehabilitator" that finds a hawk or an eagle, you are permitted to transport the animal to an "avian rehabilitator."
 - d) Provide the "new" rehabilitator with the data forms, so that Endangered and Nongame Species Program can collect the information.

- e) If you transport an endangered or threatened species, be sure to contact the same Endangered and Nongame Species Program office and inform them of its location and proper contact information.
- 5) If you receive an endangered or threatened bird, reptile, amphibian, or mammal after hours that is in critical condition and needs immediate attention, please contact one of the following rehabilitators:

◆ **for endangered and threatened birds**

- (Burlington County) Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge, Jeanne Woodford – (856) 983-3329
- (Mercer County) Mercer County Wildlife Center, Diane Nickerson – (609) 883-6606
- (Morris County, NJ) The Raptor Trust, Len Soucy, Jr. – (908) 647-2353
- (Ocean County, NJ) Toms River Avian Care, Don Bonica – (732) 255-9270
- (Sussex County, NJ) Avian Wildlife Center, Giselle Chazotte Smisko – (973) 702-1957
- (Newark, DE) Tri-State Bird Rescue, Erica Miller – (302) 737-9543.

◆ **for endangered or threatened herptiles**

- Timber rattlesnakes (from northern and southern regions of the state)
 - In northern NJ: (Narrowsburg, NY) New York Center for Turtle Rehabilitation & Conservation, Inc., Kathy Michell – (845) 252-3501
 - In southern NJ: Please contact the ENSP Tuckahoe Office for guidance. If you are unable to reach a biologist, please contact one of the other offices (telephone numbers above) or DEP at 1-877-WARN-DEP.
- Copperheads (are only found in the northern regions of the state, north of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties)
 - (Narrowsburg, NY) New York Center for Turtle Rehabilitation & Conservation, Inc., Kathy Michell – (845) 252-3501
- Turtles
 - (Hunterdon County, NJ) Woodlands Wildlife Refuge, Tracy Leaver – (908) 730-8300
 - (Mercer County, NJ) Mercer County Wildlife Center, Diane Nickerson – (609) 883-6606

◆ **for endangered or threatened mammals**

- Bobcats
(Hunterdon County) Woodlands Wildlife Refuge, Tracy Leaver – (908) 730-8300
- Bats
(Hunterdon County) Bat Rehabilitation of NJ, Jacqueline Kashmer, (908) 229-6496
(Mercer County) Mercer Co. Wildlife Center, Diane Nickerson, (609) 883-6606