

# Santa Cruz County

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Canelo Hills ladies' tresses	<i>Spiranthes delitescens</i>	Endangered	Slender, erect member of the orchid family (Orchidaceae). Flower stalk 20 inches tall, may contain 40 white flowers spirally arranged on the flowering stalk.	Cochise, Santa Cruz	~ 5,000 ft	Finely grained, highly organic, saturated soils of cienegas.	Found in the San Pedro watershed. Potential habitat occurs in Sonora, Mexico, but no populations have been found.
Chiricahua leopard frog	<i>Lithobates chiricahuensis</i>	Threatened	Cream colored tubercles (spots) on a dark background on the rear of the thigh, dorsolateral folds that are interrupted and deflected medially, and a call given out of water distinguish this spotted frog from other leopard frogs.	Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Navajo, Pima, Santa Cruz, Yavapai	3,281-8,890 ft	Restricted to springs, livestock tanks, and streams in upper portion of watersheds that are free from nonnative predators or where marginal habitat for nonnative predators exists.	Critical habitat is designated for 10,346 acres in Apache, Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Pima, Santa Cruz, and Yavapai counties in Arizona; and Catron, Hidalgo, Grant, Sierra, and Socorro counties in New Mexico (77 FR 16324).
Desert pupfish	<i>Cyprinodon macularius</i>	Endangered	Small (2 inches) smoothly rounded body shape with narrow vertical bars on the sides. Breeding males blue on head and sides with yellow on tail. Females and juveniles tan to olive colored back and silvery sides.	Cochise, Graham, Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai	< 4,000 ft	Shallow springs, small streams, and marshes. Tolerates saline and warm water.	Two subspecies are recognized: Desert Pupfish ( <i>C.m. macularius</i> ) and Quitobaquito Pupfish ( <i>C.m. eremus</i> ). Critical habitat includes Quitobaquito Springs, Pima County, portions of San Felipe Creek, Carrizo Wash, and Fish Creek Wash, Imperial County, California.
Gila chub	<i>Gila intermedia</i>	Endangered	Deep compressed body, flat head. Dark olive-gray color above, silver sides. Endemic to Gila River Basin.	Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai	2,000-5,500 ft	Pools, springs, cienegas, and streams.	Occurs on Federal, State, and private lands, including the Nature Conservancy and the Audubon Society. Also occurs in Sonora, Mexico. Critical habitat includes Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, and Yavapai counties (70 FR 66664).
Gila topminnow	<i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis occidentalis</i>	Endangered	Small (2 inches), guppy-like, live bearing, lacks dark spots on its fins. Breeding males are jet black with yellow fins.	Cochise, Gila, Graham, La Paz, Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai	< 4,500 ft	Small streams, springs, and cienegas vegetated shallows.	Species historically also occurred in backwaters of large rivers but is currently isolated to small streams and springs.

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Huachuca water umbel	<i>Lilaeopsis schaffneriana ssp. recurva</i>	Endangered	Herbaceous, semi-aquatic perennial in the parsley family (Umbelliferae) with slender erect, hollow, leaves that grow from the nodes of creeping rhizomes. Flower: 3 to 10 flowered umbels arise from root nodes.	Cochise, Pima, Santa Cruz	3,500-6,500 ft	Cienegas, perennial low gradient streams, wetlands.	Species also occurs in adjacent Sonora, Mexico, west of the continental divide. Critical habitat includes Cochise and Santa Cruz counties (64 FR 37441).
Jaguar	<i>Panthera onca</i>	Endangered	Largest species of cat native to Southwest. Muscular, with relatively short, massive limbs, and a deep-chested body. Usually cinnamon-buff in color with many black spots. Weights ranges from 90-300 lbs.	Cochise, Pima, Santa Cruz	1,600-9,000 ft	Found in Sonoran desertscrub up through subalpine conifer forest.	Critical habitat is being proposed for a total of 838,232 ac. in Cochise, Pima, and Santa Cruz counties, Arizona; and Hidalgo County, New Mexico (77 FR 50214). A recovery team for the jaguar was formed in 2010, who completed a recovery outline for the species in April, 2012. The recovery team is currently developing a full recovery plan for the species based on the recovery outline.
Lesser long-nosed bat	<i>Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuena</i>	Endangered	Elongated muzzle, small leaf nose, and long tongue. Yellowish brown or gray above and cinnamon brown below. Tail minute and appears to be lacking. Easily disturbed.	Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yuma	1,600-7,500 ft	Desert scrub habitat with agave and columnar cacti present as food plants.	Day roosts in caves and abandoned tunnels. Forages at night on nectar, pollen, and fruit of paniculate agaves and columnar cacti. This species is migratory and is present in Arizona usually from April to September and south of the border the remainder of the year.
Mexican spotted owl	<i>Strix occidentalis lucida</i>	Threatened	Medium sized with dark eyes and no ear tufts. Brownish and heavily spotted with white or beige.	Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai	4,100-9,000 ft	Nests in canyons and dense forests with multi-layered foliage structure.	Generally nest in older forests of mixed conifer or ponderosa pine/gambel oak type, in canyons, and use variety of habitats for foraging. Sites with cool microclimates appear to be of importance or are preferred. Critical habitat was finalized on August 31, 2004 (69 FR 53182) in Arizona in Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Maricopa, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, and Yavapai counties.

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Ocelot	<i>Leopardus pardalis</i>	Endangered	Medium-sized spotted cat that is yellowish with black streaks and stripes running from front to back. Tail is spotted and about 1/2 the length of head and body. Face is less heavily streaked than the back and sides.	Cochise, Gila, Graham, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz	< 8,000 ft	Desert scrub in Arizona. Humid tropical and sub-tropical forests, and savannahs in areas south of the U.S.	Little is known about ocelot habitat use in Arizona; however, ocelots are typically associated with areas of dense cover. Four confirmed reports of ocelots have been received from Gila (one) and Cochise (three) counties since 2009. Based on photographic evidence, two of the reports from Cochise County were most likely of the same ocelot.
Pima pineapple cactus	<i>Coryphantha scheeri</i> var. <i>robustispina</i>	Endangered	Hemispherical stems 4-7 inches tall 3-4 inches diameter. Central spine 1 inch long straw colored hooked surrounded by 6-15 radial spines. Flower: yellow, salmon, or rarely white narrow floral tube.	Pima, Santa Cruz	2,300-5,000 ft	Sonoran desert scrub or semi-desert grassland communities.	Occurs in alluvial valleys or on hillsides in rocky to sandy or silty soils. This species can be confused with juvenile barrel cactus ( <i>Ferocactus</i> ). However, the spines of the later are flattened, in contrast with the round cross-section of the <i>Coryphantha</i> spines. About 80-90% of individuals occur on state or private land.
Sonora chub	<i>Gila ditaenia</i>	Threatened	Minnow (<5 inches long) moderately chubby, dark-colored fish with two prominent black lateral bands on the sides and a dark oval spot at the base of the tail. Breeding males have red lower fins and an orange belly.	Santa Cruz	3,900 ft	Perennial and intermittent, small to moderate sized streams with boulders and cliffs.	Critical habitat includes Sycamore Creek (Santa Cruz County) and a 15 meter buffer from the U.S.- Mexico border to approximately 8 km upstream; Yank Spring; lowermost 2 km of Penasco Creek; and lowermost 0.4 km of an unnamed Sycamore Creek tributary (51 FR 16042). Species extends into Mexico (Altar and Magdalena rivers).
Sonoran tiger salamander	<i>Ambystoma mavortium stebbinsi</i>	Endangered	Large, light-colored blotches or reticulations on a dark background. Metamorphosed individuals are 1.8 to 5.9 inches in snout-vent length. Aquatic larvae are uniform dark colored with plume-like gills and developed tail fins.	Cochise, Santa Cruz	4,000-6,300 ft	Stock tanks and impounded cienegas; rodent burrows, rotted logs, and other moist cover sites.	Populations occur within the headwaters of the Santa Cruz and San Pedro Rivers. These include San Rafael Valley and in the foothills of the east slope of the Patagonia and Huachuca Mountains and Fort Huachuca.

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Southwestern willow flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>	Endangered	Small passerine (about 6 inches) grayish-green back and wings, whitish throat, light olive-gray breast and pale yellowish belly. Two wingbars visible. Eye-ring faint or absent.	Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai, Yuma	< 8,500 ft	Cottonwood/willow and tamarisk vegetation communities along rivers and streams.	Riparian-obligate bird that occupies migratory/breeding habitat from late April-Sept. Critical habitat was finalized on October 19, 2005 in Apache, Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Maricopa, Mohave, Pima, Pinal, and Yavapai counties (70 FR 60886). Revised critical habitat was proposed August 15, 2011 (76 FR 50542) and includes river segments in counties currently designated plus those in La Paz, Santa Cruz, and Yuma counties. The 2005 critical habitat designation remains in effect until the current proposal is finalized. Training seminar/permits required for those conducting call playback surveys.
Arizona treefrog (Huachuca/Canelo DPS)	<i>Hyla wrightorum</i>	Candidate	Small (1.8 inches in length) green frog; dark eye stripe extends past shoulder onto the sides of the body, may break into spots or dashes past shoulder, throat on males dusky green or tan; larger tadpoles golden brown above and below with mottled black tails.	Cochise, Santa Cruz	5,000-8,500 ft	Madrean oak woodlands, savannah, pine-oak woodlands, and mixed conifer forests.	Known from less than 20 localities in the Huachuca Mountains and adjacent Canelo Hills. Believed this population is geographically disjunct from the other known locality in the wetlands at Rancho Los Fresnos, Sonora, Mexico.
Huachuca springsnail	<i>Pyrgulopsis thompsoni</i>	Candidate	Very small (.06-.12 inches) conical shell. Identification must be verified by characteristics of reproductive organs.	Cochise, Santa Cruz	4,500-7,200 ft	Aquatic areas, small springs with vegetation and slow to moderate flow.	Individuals found on firm substances (roots, wood, and rocks). Other populations found on Fort Huachuca.

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Northern Mexican Gartersnake	<i>Thamnophis eques megalops</i>	Candidate	Background color ranges from olive, olive-brown, to olive-gray. Body has three yellow or light colored stripes running down the length of the body, darker towards tail. Species distinguished from other native gartersnakes by the lateral stripes reaching the 3rd and 4th scale rows. Paired black spots extend along dorsolateral fields.	Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai	130-8,500 ft	Cienegas, stock tanks, large-river riparian woodlands and forests, streamside gallery forests.	Core population areas in the U.S. include mid/upper Verde River drainage, mid/lower Tonto Creek, and the San Rafael Valley and surrounding area. Status on tribal lands unknown. Distributed south into Mexico along the Sierra Madre Occidental and Mexican Plateau. Strongly associated with the presence of a native prey base including leopard frogs and native fish.
Sonoran desert tortoise	<i>Gopherus morafkai</i>	Candidate	Large herbivorous reptile with domed shell and round stumpy hind legs. The carapace is a dull brown or grey color and the plastron is unhinged, often pale yellow in coloration. Sonoran desert tortoises generally have a flatter carapace than tortoises in the Mohave population. Active in spring and during the monsoon; dormant in winter and mid-summer months.	Cochise, Gila, Graham, La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai, Yuma	< 7,800 ft	Primarily rocky (often steep) hillsides and bajadas of Mohave and Sonoran deserts but may encroach into desert grassland, juniper woodland, interior chaparral habitats, and even pine communities. Washes and valley bottoms may be used in dispersal.	Desert tortoises that occur east and south of the Colorado River in Arizona are known as the Sonoran desert tortoise. Individuals are found throughout their historic range; but populations are becoming increasingly fragmented due to threats to their habitat in valley bottoms, which are used for dispersal and exchange of genetic material.
Sprague's pipit	<i>Anthus spragueii</i>	Candidate	Small, sparrow-sized bird (10-15 cm in length), with buff and blackish streaking on the crown, nape, and underparts. Has a short bill with a blackish upper mandible, a buffy face with a large eye ring, white outer tail feathers and pale to yellowish legs.	Cochise, Maricopa, La Paz, Santa Cruz, Yuma	<5,000 ft	Strong preference to native grasslands with vegetation of intermediate height and lacking woody shrubs.	Rare in Arizona. Few individuals of this elusive species have been sighted during October through March. Native grass fields are rare in Arizona but cultivated, dry Bermuda grass, alfalfa fields mixed with patches of dry grass, or fallow fields appear to support the species during wintering. They will not use mowed or burned areas until the vegetation has had a chance to grow. There are no breeding records in Arizona.
Stephan's riffle beetle	<i>Heterelmis stephani</i>	Candidate	Small aquatic beetle, typically less than 0.11 inches in total length.	Santa Cruz	5,100-6,600 ft	Free-flowing springs and seeps, commonly referred to as rheocrenes.	Current distribution is limited to Sylvester Spring. Historically known from Bog Springs, the type locality. Both springs located in Madera Canyon on the Coronado National Forest.

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Yellow-billed cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	Candidate	Medium-sized bird with a slender, long-tailed profile, slightly down-curved bill that is blue-black with yellow on the lower half. Plumage is grayish-brown above and white below, with rufous primary flight feathers.	Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai, Yuma	< 6,500 ft	Large blocks of riparian woodlands (cottonwood, willow, or tamarisk galleries).	Neotropical migrant that winters primarily in South America and breeds primarily in the U.S. (but also in southern Canada and northern Mexico). As a migrant it is rarely detected; can occur outside of riparian areas. Cuckoos are found nesting statewide, mostly below 5,000 feet in central, western, and southeastern Arizona. Concern for cuckoos are primarily focused upon alterations to its nesting and foraging habitat. Nesting cuckoos are associated with relatively dense, wooded, streamside riparian habitat, with varying combinations of Fremont cottonwood, willow, velvet ash, Arizona walnut, mesquite, and tamarisk. Some cuckoos have also been detected nesting in velvet mesquite, netleaf hackberry, Arizona sycamore, Arizona alder, and some exotic neighborhood shade trees.
American peregrine falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus anatum</i>	Delisted	A crow-sized falcon with slate blue-gray on the back and wings, and white on the underside; a black head with vertical "bandit's mask" pattern over the eyes; long pointed wings; and a long wailing call made during breeding. Very adept flyers and hunters, reaching diving speeds of 200 mph.	Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai, Yuma	3,500-9,000 ft	Areas with rocky, steep cliffs, primarily near water, where prey (primarily shorebirds, songbirds, and waterfowl) concentrations are high. Nests are found on ledges of cliffs, and sometimes on man-made structures such as office towers and bridge abutments.	Species recovered with over 1,650 breeding birds in the US and Canada.