

The Golden Gate National Parks contain more endangered species than any other National Park in continental North America. The Park's astounding array of imperiled species is certainly cause for celebration: we are fortunate to have such a diverse landscape in public ownership. But it is also cause for concern: it may indicate that we need to reflect upon our relationship with this great National Park.

The GGNP Endangered Species Big Year is a race against time to see and save each of the 36 endangered species found in the Park. It is a competitive event: the person who sees and helps save the most species by the end of the year will win the race. Use this checklist to explore the GGNP, examine your relationship to this landscape, and protect the endangered species that call the Park home.



#### Participating in the Endangered Species Big Year is easy:

- 👉 *First*, sign-up for your GGNP's Endangered Species Big Year at [wildequity.org](http://wildequity.org).
- 👉 *Second*, use this checklist to discover the GGNP's endangered species and how you can help them recover.
- 👉 *Third*, see and save the GGNP's endangered species by exploring the GGNP's and completing actions that help species recover.
- 👉 *Fourth*, as you see and save species, mark your checklist and submit the data on-line.
- 👉 You can also interact with other competitors and sign-up for Big Year expeditions at [www.wildequity.org](http://www.wildequity.org).

## Endangered Species Big Year Ethical Principles

To help the GGNP's endangered species thrive, all GGNP Endangered Species Big Year participants must follow these Ethical Principles:

### Be a responsible National Park visitor.

- 👉 Keep clothes and shoes clean so you don't inadvertently spread invasive plant seeds.
- 👉 Never take any animal, plant, or any other item from the Park.
- 👉 Learn and respect the rules and values of the National Park.
- 👉 Promote the protection and preservation of park resources and values for future generations.
- 👉 Share these ethics by word and by example.

### Respect wildlife and wildlife habitats.

- 👉 Walk and talk softly.
- 👉 Stay on trails and within designated public areas; exercise caution to avoid disturbing or modifying endangered species habitat.
- 👉 Never feed wildlife. Allow wild animals to carry on their lives without disruption.
- 👉 Never use calls, recordings or other intrusive methods to attract threatened or endangered species.
- 👉 Properly dispose of trash; leave behind only footprints.
- 👉 Leave pets at home.

### Respect the rights of others.

- 👉 Observe all laws and regulations governing roads and public areas.
- 👉 Behave in a courteous manner that will generate goodwill for the naturalist community.

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## 2012 Golden Gate National Parks Endangered Species **bigyear** CHECKLIST

*A Race Against Time to See and Save  
the GGNP's 36 Endangered Species*

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