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# U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Arizona's Focus for Natural Resources  
Endangered Species Program  
Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program



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Mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.



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## Endangered Species Program

### Resource Management Priorities

- Draft Strategic Plan
- Proposed listing actions
- Coordination
  - Tribal
  - AGFD, NRCD, FS, BLM

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## Endangered Species Program

- **STRATEGIC PLAN**
- Major goals
  - Recover listed species
  - Conserve species at risk
- 3 Guiding Principles
  - Focus on Spot-light Species
  - Partnership-based approach
  - Use of flexible and successful program tools

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## Listed Species in Arizona

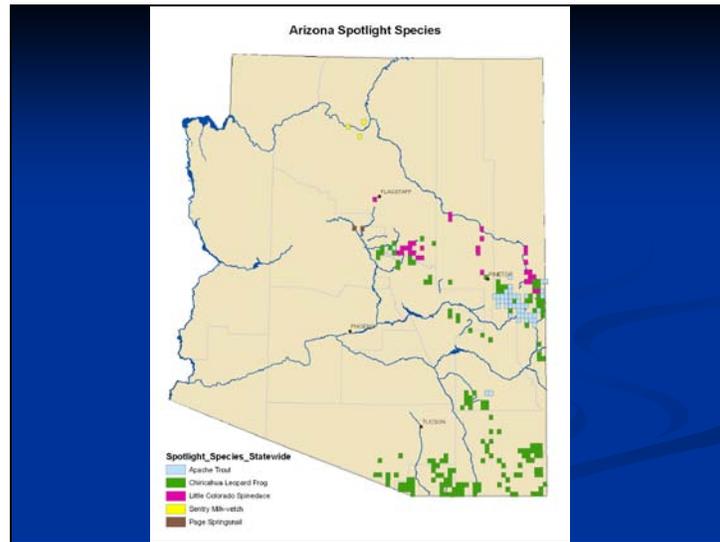
- 54 Listed Species in Arizona
  - 37 Animals
  - 17 Plants
- 5 Spot-light Species have been identified
  - Apache trout
  - Chiricahua leopard frog
  - Little Colorado Spinedace
  - Sentry milk vetch
  - Page Springsnail

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Chiricahua Leopard Frog  
Page Springsnail

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## 5-year Action Plans for Spot-light Species

1. Specific 5-year target for its conservation status
2. Metric for measuring progress
3. Actions necessary to meet goals
4. Responsible parties and estimated costs for actions
5. Role of FWS and other agencies
6. Additional funding

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**Proposed listing**

**Pending**

- Bald eagle 12-month finding expected in mid-February
- Southwestern willow flycatcher critical habitat revision - Proposed Rule July 2011(not 2010)
- Spikedace and loach minnow critical habitat revision - Proposed Rule October 2010
- Sonoran desert tortoise 12-month finding expected December 2010
- Northern leopard frog 12-month finding expected August 2010

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**Proposed listing**

**Pending (continued)**

- Tucson shovel-nosed snake 12-month finding; on hold; expected 2010
- Cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl 12-month finding; on hold; expected 2010
- San Bernardino and Three Forks springsnail - Proposed Rule expected 2010
- Chiricahua leopard frog - critical habitat Proposed Rule expected December 2010

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## Proposed listing

### Recent Decisions

- 2nd portion of the 475 species petition - positive 90-day finding (includes 26 Arizona species)
- brown pelican - delisted
- flat-tailed horned lizard - Proposed Rule reinstated
- black-tailed prairie dog - 12-month finding - listing not warranted

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## Coordination

- Continue working partnership with state and federal agencies

A photograph showing two individuals standing in a grassy field, possibly engaged in a field study or survey. The background features a range of low, rocky hills under a clear sky.

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## Coordination

- Draft process to consult with Tribes
  - Built on Secretarial Order 3206
  - E.O. 13175 directed

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## Partners for Fish & Wildlife

**The US Fish and Wildlife Service provides technical and financial assistance to willing private landowners who want to improve the fish and wildlife habitat on their property.**



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## Importance of Private Lands

- Half of the listed species have at least 80% of their habitat on private lands

Associate for Biodiversity Information and The Nature Conservancy, 1993.



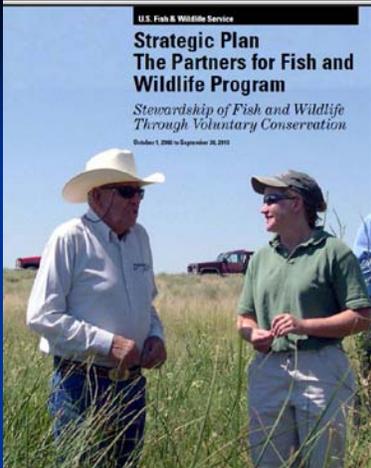
Chiricahua leopard frog

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## Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program

- National Strategic Plan written in 2006
- 2006 - Arizona prepared "Step-Down" Plan
  - Identification of Geographic Focus Areas
  - Work with Partnerships
- Resource priorities

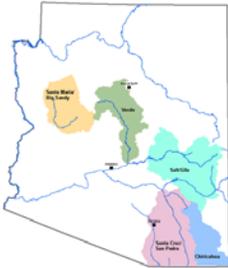
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The image shows the cover of a report titled "Strategic Plan The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program". The subtitle is "Stewardship of Fish and Wildlife Through Voluntary Conservation". It is dated "October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2011". The cover features a photograph of two men in a field; one is wearing a white shirt and a cowboy hat, and the other is wearing a green shirt and a cap. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service logo is in the top left corner.

<http://www.fws.gov/partners/docs/783.pdf>

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The image shows a map of Arizona titled "Focus Areas for Arizona Partners for Fish and Wildlife". The subtitle is "Prepared as part of the Strategic Plan, Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Southwest Region - Regional Overview". The map is divided into several colored regions: a yellow region in the northwest, a green region in the north-central part, a light blue region in the east, and a pink region in the south. The date "December 6, 2006" is printed at the bottom of the map.

December 6, 2006

### Selection of Focus Areas for Arizona

- Identify non-federal lands
- Emphasis on riparian, streams and grassland habitats



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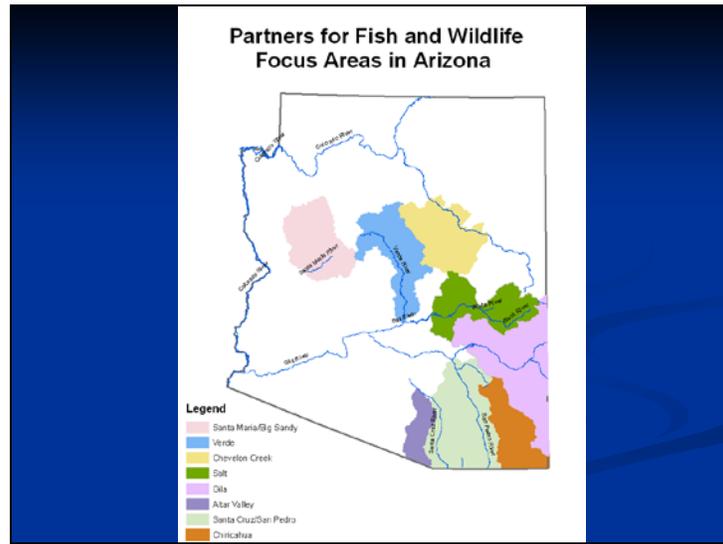
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- Identify non-federal lands
- Emphasis on riparian, streams and grassland habitats
- Benefits to Listed Species and Species-at-Risk
- Existing conservation plans
  - AGFD – Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy
  - TNC Assessment

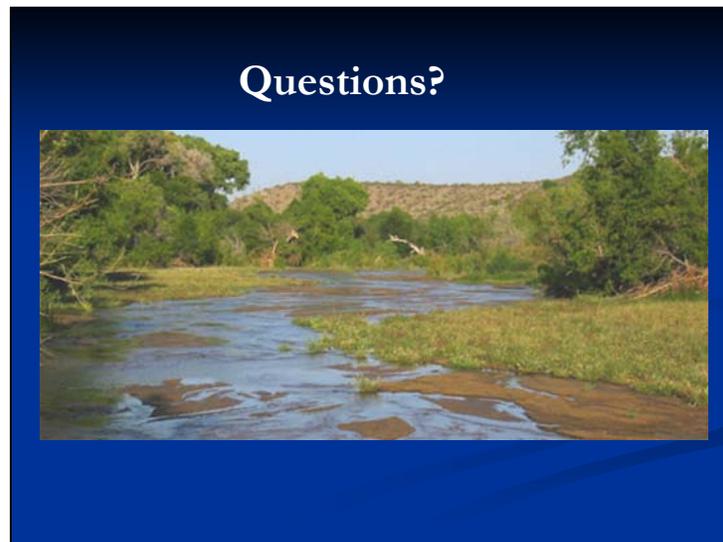


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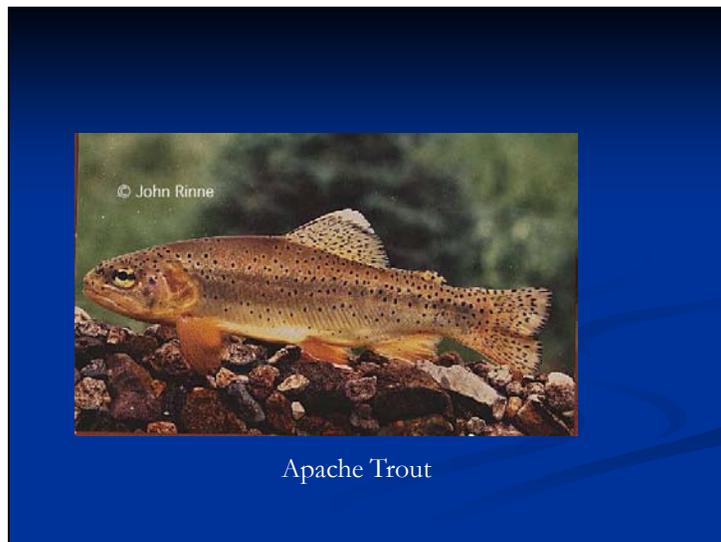
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Chiricahua leopard frog

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Little Colorado Spinedace  
Photo by Arizona Department of Game and Fish

Little Colorado Spinedace

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*Photo by Peter Rowlands, NPS*

Sentry milk vetch

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