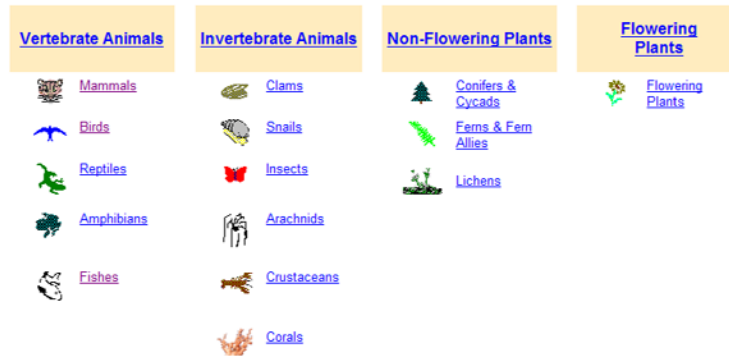


BIOL 103 Endangered species report

The United States Endangered Species Act (ESA) protects species that have legally been declared “endangered” or “threatened.” As of October 14, 614 animal species and 747 plant species are listed under the ESA. Lists of these species are available on the website:

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/wildlife.html#Species>

on the section of the webpage that looks like this:



Your assignment is to pick on one of these 1000+ species (other than wolves or grizzly bears) and write a brief report answering the following questions:

1. Where state or region does this species live in?
2. What kind of habitat does this species live in?
3. What does this species eat (if an animal)?
4. When was the species officially listed as endangered?
5. Why is the species endangered? (i.e., What are the threats to the species?)
6. What is being done to protect the species?
7. What is the biggest controversy surrounding this species? OR What has been the most noteworthy recent piece of news regarding this species?

Write a 400 – 600 word report answering these questions (emphasizing the last three). The report must be typed and the pages stapled together. Please provide citations for all of your information; these must include three peer-reviewed scientific journal articles or government publications. You will be graded on your writing as well as the content of this report.

Suggestions: Use Google Scholar to find scientific journal articles. The US Fish and Wildlife Service publishes official notices in the US Federal Register whenever a species is officially listed. These notices are often very informative. In addition, search the US FWS website for “status reports” and “recovery plans.” In order to answer some of the above questions, you may have to search through some long reports.