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Subject: Changes to Schedule 1 (the “Legal List”) of the Species at Risk Act

Hello,

On December 16, 2017 a proposal to amend Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) for 13 terrestrial species was published in part I of the *Canada Gazette*: <http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2017/2017-12-16/html/reg2-eng.html>. This marks the beginning of a 30-day public comment period during which you can share your comments on the proposal either by writing to ec.LEPreglementations-SARAregrulations.ec@canada.ca or calling 1-800-668-6767. The public comment period will end on January 18, 2018.

The proposed amendments would change Schedule 1 (the List of Wildlife Species at Risk) of SARA by adding certain species, by changing some species’ statuses (e.g. from “Endangered” to “Threatened”), and by changing the way some species are divided on the list. For species found in British Columbia, this includes the addition of:

- Grizzly Bear, Western population (Special Concern),
- Wolverine (Special Concern),
- Audouin’s Night-stalking Tiger Beetle (Threatened),
- Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee (Endangered),
- Yellow-banded Bumble Bee (Special Concern), and
- Roell’s Brotherella Moss (Endangered)

The proposal also includes changing the status of Barn Owl, Western population from Special Concern to Threatened, dividing the American Badger *jeffersonii* subspecies into Eastern and Western Populations, and dividing the Western Toad into “calling” and “non-calling” populations.

Please also note that on November 15, 2017 an order to amend Schedule 1 of SARA was published in part 2 of the *Canada Gazette*: <http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2017/2017-11-15/html/sor-dors229-eng.html>. This order follows the proposal published in part I of the *Canada Gazette* and the associated comment period which ended on April 10, 2017. Among other amendments, this order added 4 bird species found in British Columbia to Schedule 1 of SARA:

- Bank Swallow (Threatened)
- Barn Swallow (Threatened)
- Bobolink (Threatened)
- Western Grebe (Special Concern)

All species in this order are migratory birds protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act* (MBCA). The MBCA and its regulations protect migratory birds, their nests and eggs against possessing, buying, selling, exchanging, giving or making it the subject of a commercial transaction, wherever they are found in Canada. These protections remain in effect when a migratory bird is listed in Schedule 1 of SARA.

Referred to:
[Sustainable City Advisory Committee \(2018.02.06\)](#)

Notifications regarding additional potential changes to SARA can be expected early in 2018.

Further information regarding SARA and species at risk is available on the [Species at Risk Public Registry](https://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=E0F272D5-1), including an explanation of the listing process (found here: <https://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=E0F272D5-1>). For general inquiries please do not hesitate to contact our regional office in British Columbia via email at ec.ep.rpy-sar.pyr.ec@canada.ca.

Respectfully,

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