

Table 3.62
Wildlife species extinct and extirpated from Canada, 2008

Species	Group	Date of extinction ¹ or extirpation ²	Probable cause(s) of extinction ¹ or extirpation ²
Extinct ¹			
Benthic Hadley Lake stickleback	fishes (freshwater)	1999	introduced predators
Limnetic Hadley Lake stickleback	fishes (freshwater)	1999	introduced predators
Banff longnose dace	fishes (freshwater)	1986	introduced predators; habitat alteration
Blue walleye	fishes (freshwater)	1965	commercial fishing; introduced predators
Lake Ontario kiyi	fishes (freshwater)	1964	commercial fishing; introduced predators
Deepwater cisco	fishes (freshwater)	1952	commercial fishing; introduced predators
Eelgrass limpet	molluscs	1929	loss of food source
Caribou (dawsoni subspecies)	mammals (terrestrial)	1920s	unknown
Passenger pigeon	birds	1914	hunting and predation
Sea mink	mammals (marine)	1894	trapping
Labrador duck	birds	1875	hunting; habitat alteration
Macoun's shining moss	mosses	after 1864	habitat alteration
Great auk	birds	1844	hunting
Extirpated ²			
Karner blue	arthropods	1991	loss of food source; habitat alteration
Frosted elfin	arthropods	1988	successional change
Greater prairie-chicken	birds	after 1987	habitat alteration
Black-footed ferret	mammals (terrestrial)	1974	loss of food source
Striped bass (St. Lawrence Estuary population)	fishes (freshwater)	after 1968	illegal fishing
Dwarf wedgemussel	molluscs	1968	habitat alteration
Greater sage grouse (phaios subspecies)	birds	1960s	hunting; habitat alteration
Pacific pond turtle	reptiles	after 1959	commercial harvesting; habitat alteration
Gravel chub	fishes (freshwater)	after 1958	habitat alteration
Pacific gophersnake	reptiles	after 1957	habitat alteration
Spring blue-eyed Mary	plants	after 1954	habitat alteration
Timber rattlesnake	reptiles	1941	hunting; habitat alteration
Oregon lupine	plants	after 1929	habitat alteration
Paddlefish	fishes (freshwater)	1917	habitat alteration; over-fishing
Tiger salamander (Great Lakes population)	amphibians	1915	habitat alteration
Island marble	arthropods	before 1910	loss of food source; habitat alteration
Puget Oregonian snail	molluscs	after 1905	unknown
Pygmy short-horned lizard	reptiles	after 1898	habitat alteration
Atlantic salmon (Lake Ontario population)	fishes (freshwater)	after 1898	habitat destruction and over-exploitation by a food and commercial fishery
Illinois tick-trefoil	plants	after 1888	habitat alteration
Grizzly bear (Prairie population)	mammals (terrestrial)	1880s	hunting
Incurved grizzled moss	mosses	1828	unknown
Grey whale (Atlantic population)	mammals (marine)	1800s	hunting

1. A wildlife species that no longer exists.

2. A wildlife species that no longer exists in the wild in Canada, but exists elsewhere.

Source(s): Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada, 2008, *Canadian Wildlife Species at Risk*, www.cosewic.gc.ca/eng/sct0/rpt/dsp_booklet_e.htm (accessed January 29, 2009).