

ZOOLOGY AT THE MONTANA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE ^{tw}

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The zoology program of the Montana Natural Heritage Program has been collecting data on the status and distribution of Montana's animals since 1985. I will discuss the nature of the data we collect, past projects and current projects. I will also discuss current collaborations with various agencies to bolster data submission to Heritage databases and the collaboration with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks to produce the unified Montana Animal Species of Concern list. In addition, I will discuss ongoing efforts to increase the availability of this data for users through the internet.