Species Vulnerability Indices

Alternatives to “DIY”

Species are Important!

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Vulnerability Indices can…

… save R & D time

… remind you about vulnerability factors

… compare apples and oranges

… promote transparency

Vulnerability Indices cannot…

… turn garbage into gold

… replace in-depth VAs of species

System for Assessing `Vulnerability of Species (SAVS) to Climate Change (Forest Service)

Framework for categorizing the relative vulnerability of threatened & endangered species to climate change
(EPA)

Climate Change Vulnerability Index (NatureServe)

All:

- are potentially rapid
- score individual factors
- produce categories of relative vulnerability
- address uncertainty

SAVS

www.fs.fed.us/rm/grassland-shrubland-desert/products/species-vulnerability

Terrestrial vertebrates

Habitat, physiology, phenology, biotic interactions

Abundance, range, demographics considered implicitly

Scale: habitat/management area

EPA

http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/cfm/recordisplay.cfm?deid=203743

T&E Vertebrates Only

Baseline & climate change vulnerability

Abundance, range, demographics considered in baseline

Spatial Scale: any

NatureServe

www.natureserve.org/climatechange

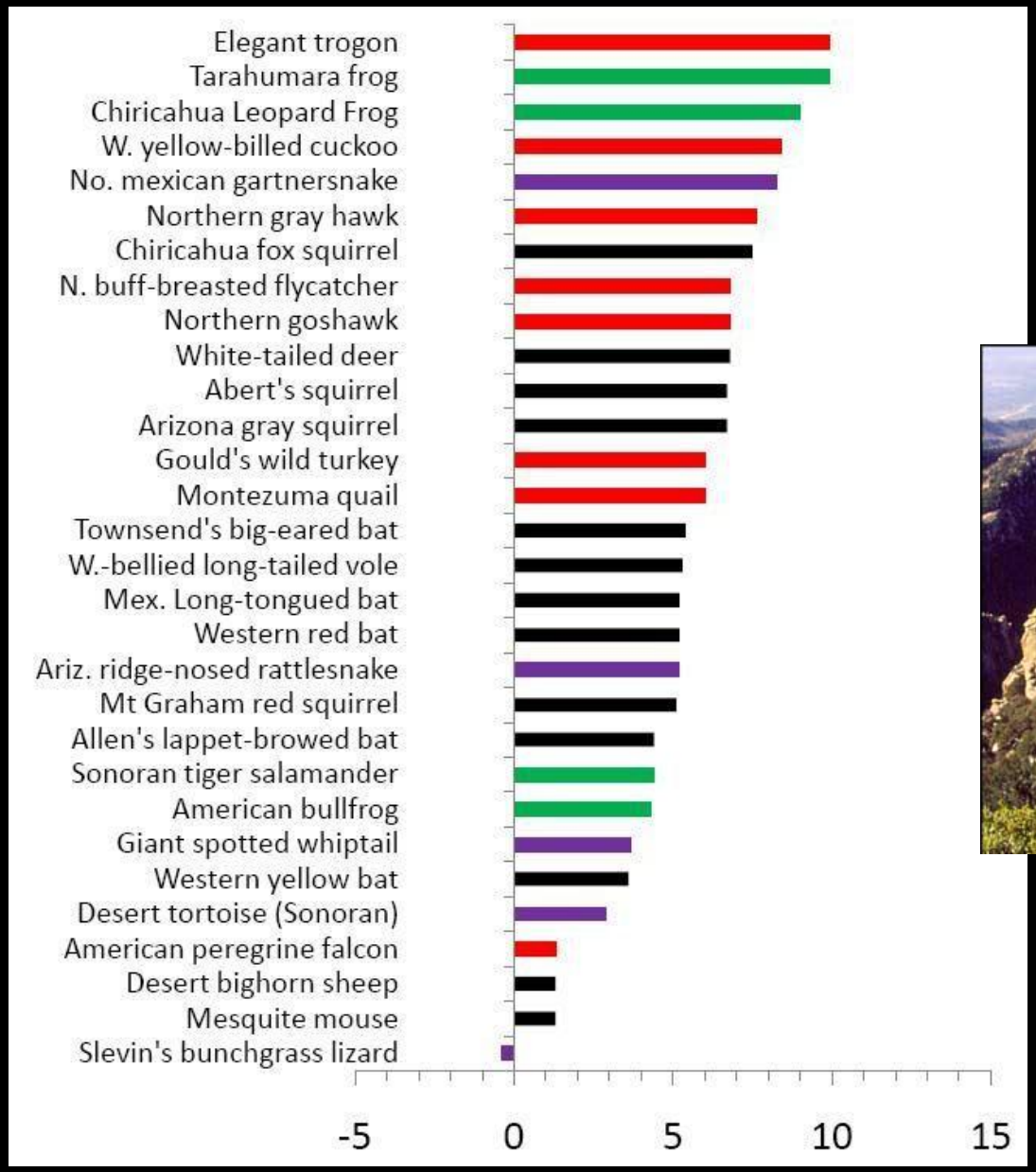
Terrestrial/aquatic, plants/animals

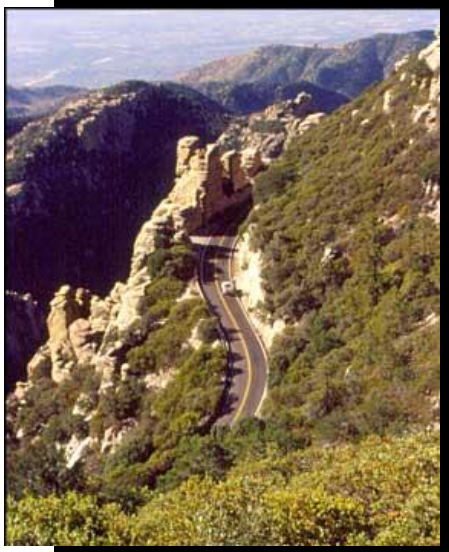
Excludes conservation status factors – use in conjunction with G/S-ranks

Exposure and sensitivity sections

Scale: state or large conservation area

Coronado National Forest





Coe et al. 2010

Less **Vulnerability** More

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				Z	AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG	AH	AI	AJ	AK	AL	AM	AN	AO	AP	AQ	AR	AS	AT
1					Macro precip	Micro precip	Disturbance		Phys habitat	Other spp for hab	Diet	Pollinators	Other spp disp	Other mutualism	Migrations	Genetic var	Gen bottleneck	Phenol response	Doc response	Modeled change	Modeled overlap	Protected Areas		
2	Taxonomic	Species	English Name	C2aii	C2bi	C2bii	C2c	C2d	C3	C4a	C4b	C4c	C4d	C4e	C5	C6a	C6b	C7	D1	D2	D3	D4	Index	Confidence
3	Amphibian	*Rana sierrae*	Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog	N	Inc-SI	GI	Inc	U	SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	SI	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	EV	Mod
4	Amphibian	*Bufo nelsoni*	Amargosa toad	N	GI-Inc	GI	N	U	N	N	N	N/A	N	U	SI	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	HV	Mod
5	Amphibian	*Rana pipiens*	northern leopard frog	N	SI	GI	N	U	N	N	N	N/A	N	U	SI	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	MV	Low
6	Amphibian	*Rana luteiventris*	Columbia spotted frog (NE sub-pc	N	SI	GI	N	U	N-SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	SI	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	MV	Mod
7	Amphibian	*Rana onca*	relict leopard frog	N	GI-Inc	GI	N	U	N	N	N	N/A	N	U	SI	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	MV	Mod
8	Amphibian	*Rana luteiventris*	Columbia spotted frog (Toiyabe s	N	Inc-SI	GI	N	U	N-SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	SI	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	MV	VH
9	Amphibian	*Bufo cognatus*	Great Plains toad	N	Inc-SI	Inc	N	U	N	N	N	N/A	N	U	SI	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	PS	Mod
10	Amphibian	*Bufo microscaphus*	Arizona toad (southwestern toad)	N	SI	Inc	N	U	N-SD	N	N	N/A	U	U	SI	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	PS	VH
11	Bird	*Vireo bellii arizonae*	Arizona Bell's vireo	N	GI-Inc	GI	N	U	SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	HV	Low
12	Bird	*Leucosticte atrata*	black rosy-finch	N	N	N	N	Inc-S	SI-N	N	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	HV	Mod
13	Bird	*Empidonax traillii extimus*	southwestern willow flycatcher	N	GI-Inc	GI	N	U	SD	SI	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	HV	VH
14	Bird	*Asio flammeus*	short-eared owl	N	Inc-SI	N	N	U	SD	N	SI-N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	IL	Mod
15	Bird	*Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus*	pinyon jay	N	Inc-SI	N	N	U	SD	SI-N	N	N/A	N	U	N	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	IL	Mod
16	Bird	*Anas acuta*	northern pintail	N	Inc	Inc	N	U	SD	N	SD	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	IL	VH
17	Bird	*Lanius ludovicianus*	loggerhead shrike	N	Inc-SI	N	SI-N	U	SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	N	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	IL	VH
18	Bird	*Melanerpes lewis*	Lewis's woodpecker	N	SI	SI-N	N	U	SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	IL	VH
19	Bird	*Selasphorus rufus*	rufous hummingbird	N	Inc-SI	N	N	U	SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	IL	VH
20	Bird	*Sphyrapicus ruber*	red-breasted sapsucker	N	SI	SI	Inc	U	SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	IL	VH
21	Bird	*Spizella atrogularis*	black-chinned sparrow	N	Inc-SI	N	N	U	SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	IL	VH
22	Bird	*Toxostoma bendirei*	Bendire's thrasher	N	Inc-SI	N	N	U	SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	IL	VH
23	Bird	*Vireo vicinior*	gray vireo	N	Inc-SI	N	N	U	SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	IL	VH
24	Bird	*Gavia immer*	common loon	N	Inc-SI	GI	N	U	SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	MV	High
25	Bird	*Centrocercus urophasianus*	greater sage-grouse	N	Inc-SI	N	SI	U	SD	GI-I	N	N/A	N	U	GI-Inc	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	MV	Low
26	Bird	*Coccyzus americanus occidenta*	western yellow-billed cuckoo	N	GI-Inc	GI	N	U	SD	SI-N	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	MV	Low
27	Bird	*Picoides albolarvatus*	white-headed woodpecker	N	GI-Inc	N	Inc-SI	U	SD	SI	N	N/A	N	U	SI	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	MV	Low
28	Bird	*Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*	western snowy plover	N	Inc-SI	GI	SI	U	SI-N	N	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	MV	Mod
29	Bird	*Dendragapus obscurus*	blue grouse	N	SI-N	N	SI	U	SD	SI-N	N	N/A	N	U	SI-N	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	MV	Mod
30	Bird	*Dendroica graciae*	Grace's warbler	N	Inc-SI	N	Inc-SI	U	SD	GI-I	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	MV	Mod
31	Bird	*Dendroica occidentalis*	hermit warbler	N	SI	N	Inc-SI	U	SD	GI-I	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	MV	Mod
32	Bird	*Empidonax traillii brewsteri*	mountain willow flycatcher	N	SI-N	GI	SI-N	U	SD	SI	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	MV	Mod
33	Bird	*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*	Yuma clapper rail	N	GI-Inc	GI	N	U	N	SI-N	N	N/A	N	U	SI-N	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	MV	Mod
34	Bird	*Agelaius tricolor*	tricolored blackbird	N	GI	GI-Inc	N	U	SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	MV	VH
35	Bird	*Leucosticte tephrocotis*	gray-crowned rosy-finch	N	N-SD	N	N	Inc	SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	MV	VH
36	Bird	*Vermivora luciae*	Lucy's warbler	N	GI-Inc	GI	N	U	SD	SI-N	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	MV	VH
37	Bird	*Pipilo aberti*	Abert's towhee	N	GI-Inc	N	N	U	SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	SI	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	PS	High
38	Bird	*Strix occidentalis occidentalis*	California spotted owl	N	Inc-SI	N	Inc-SI	U	SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	SI	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	PS	High
39	Bird	*Buteo regalis*	ferruginous hawk	N	Inc-SI	N	N	U	SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	PS	Low
40	Bird	*Buteo swainsoni*	Swainson's hawk	N	Inc-SI	N	N	U	SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	PS	Low
41	Bird	*Chlidonias niger*	black tern	N	Inc-SI	GI	N	U	SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	PS	Low
42	Bird	*Sayornis nigricans*	black phoebe	N	Inc-SI	SI-N	N	U	SI-N	N	N	N/A	N	U	N	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	PS	Low
43	Bird	*Anas cyanoptera*	cinnamon teal	N	SI	GI	N	U	SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	Dec	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	PS	Mod
44	Bird	*Carpodacus cassinii*	Cassin's finch	N	SI-N	N	Inc	U	SD	N	N	N/A	N	U	SI	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	PS	Mod

Raw Data / Vuln by Taxon / Factors / Confidence / Vuln by Srank

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Duplicate Conservation Status Assessments?

	Extremely Vulnerable	Highly Vulnerable	Moderately Vulnerable	Presumed Stable	Increase Likely
G1					
G2					
G3					
G4					
G5					

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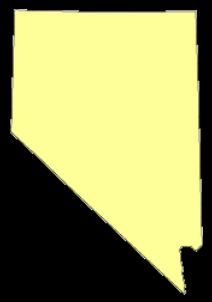
209 spp



	Extremely Vulnerable	Highly Vulnerable	Moderately Vulnerable	Presumed Stable	Increase Likely
G1	10	11	25	9	0
G2	2	4	5	3	1
G3	0	4	3	11	1
G4	1	1	6	24	3
G5	0	2	7	61	15

$p<0.001$

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