

# *Over one-third of U.S. animals and plants at risk of extinction*

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Researchers say passing legislation to protect land and biodiversity is key, and list some of the greatest threats to wildlife as “habitat degradation and land conversion, invasive species, damming and polluting of rivers, and climate change.”

Sean O’Brien, president of NatureServe, told reporters: “Nature is also incredibly complex, and we don’t always know what the sort of the keystone species is, as sometimes people call them. So, when you have a habitat and species start going extinct or becoming smaller in number, eventually that can cause the collapse of that habitat type.”

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