

Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern Species

Information provided by the State of Connecticut's Department of Environmental Protection indicates that there are no known extant populations of State-listed Endangered or Threatened species on the East River Preserve. However, two Special Concern Species, box turtle (*Terrapene carolina*) and mudwort (*Limosella subulata*), were noted. A copy of correspondence with the DEP is found in Appendix III, including management recommendations for protection of the box turtle.

Additionally, in May 2009, retired Southern Connecticut State University professor Noble Proctor documented eastern box turtle and wood turtle (*Clemmys insculpta*) on the East River Preserve, both of which are species of special concern in Connecticut. Also in May of 2009, he documented Savannah sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*) (CT Species of Special Concern), bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*) (CT Species of Special Concern), and least bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*) (CT Threatened Species) on the East River Preserve. Over the years, Scott Roxbrough has documented American kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) (CT Threatened Species) and eastern meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*) (CT Species of Special Concern) on the East River Preserve. He also documented numerous raptor species migrating over the East River Preserve over the years and suggested it could be an official hawkwatch site in the future.