

Table 1. Priority tier reference guide that may be used to help assign SGCN to priority tiers.

Priority Tier	Definition	Reference Criteria
Highest Conservation Concern	<p>Imperiled species that may become extirpated from my state in the near future unless conservation efforts are continued or enhanced. The population(s) in my state is/are important to the global conservation of the species.</p>	<p>-G1-G2</p> <p>-RSGCN Very High or High and S1-S2</p> <p>-ESA E</p> <p>-ESA T or C and S1-S2</p> <p>-IUCN CR or EN and S1-S2</p> <p>PIF Red Watchlist Species</p>
High Conservation Concern	<p>Imperiled species that may continue to decline in my state unless conservation efforts are continued or enhanced. The population(s) in my state is/are important to the global or regional conservation of the species.</p> <p>* While Highest Conservation Concern was the most frequently selected category for G5S1 species in the survey, this was a relatively weak preference that represented less than half of respondents (43%). Whether or not to designate G5S1 species as SGCN in your state should take into account the regional or global significance of your state's occurrence.</p>	<p>-G3-G4 and S1-S2</p> <p>-G5 and S1*</p> <p>-RSGCN Mod and S1-S2</p> <p>-RSGCN Very High or HIGH and S3</p> <p>-ESA T or C and S3</p> <p>-IUCN CR or EN and S3</p> <p>-IUCN VU and S1-S2</p> <p>PIF Yellow Watchlist Species</p>
Moderate Conservation Concern	<p>Species that may be currently stable but of long-term conservation concern due to increasing or emerging threats or species that are currently stable but are representative of an ecosystem or community in need of conservation or species that are currently stable but represented by a strong population or unique genetic diversity that is worthy of conservation within my state.</p>	<p>G3 and S3</p> <p>RSGCN Mod and S3</p> <p>IUCN VU and S3</p> <p>PIF CBSD</p>
Data Deficient	<p>Species that may be imperiled, but lack of information on their conservation status, taxonomy, life history, and threats precludes the identification of conservation actions.</p>	<p>Any G Rank and SU</p> <p>SH or SX species that may be rediscovered</p> <p>IUCN Data Deficient</p>