

Endangered Species

**By Joe Reilly and Ms. Cooke's 4th Grade Class at Lawton Elementary School
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Chorus

Listen please
Protect these
Endangered Species
In our communities

Verse 1

We are all part of a food community
What I do to the animals will affect me
We wouldn't have fruit without the honey bees
Pollinating flowers on the fruit trees
So we have come together to ask you please
To pay attention to Michigan's endangered species

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Verse 2

Plants and animals were here before human beings
But now scientists and researchers are seeing
Declines in certain animal populations
It happening in Michigan and the whole nation

Over hunting over fishing habitat destruction
Pollution and development cause animal reduction
Every animal needs three things to stay alive
Without food water shelter none of us could survive

If all the animals die humans might become endangered
Wouldn't it be weird for humans to be strangers?
Recognize that we are all sisters and brothers
Respect and protect the lives of one another

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Verse 3

Put yourself in the animals hooves and paws
Then maybe you would write some new protection laws
At least see how you are part of the cause
Some animals are killed just for their claws!

Quiet Chorus

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Verse 4

All the animals in the community
Held a meeting about this opportunity
They decided that it was now time to explain
To the human beings about their place in the food chain
Some of them were sad others were angered
Some of them mad that they had become endangered
They wondered how the humans would listen to them all
They came up with this song and let out their roll call

Animal Roll Call [Animal Noises]

Endangered species!
Short-eared owl, Barn Owl
Lynx, Cougar
Kirtland's Snake, Copperbelly Snake

Threatened species!
Gray wolf, Bald Eagle

Special concern species!
Boreal chorus frog, Moose,
Aquatic snail, Land snail

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Verse 5

What are some endangered animal solutions?
Protect their habitats from destruction and pollution
Leave them their food water shelter and space
So they can survive and thrive in this place
Stop killing animals for furs and for sport
Learn from them study them write a report
And just so that there will be no more confusion
Write an animal amendment to the constitution!

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Outro

Please protect the animals because they are part of our community
Please protect the animals because they help you and me
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[Animal Noises]