

N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.8 Potentially dangerous species

(a) “Potentially dangerous species” is defined as any exotic mammal, birds, reptiles or amphibians, or nongame species which, in the opinion of the Division, is capable of inflicting serious or fatal injuries or which has the potential to become an agricultural pest, or a menace to the public health, or indigenous wildlife populations, including, **but not limited to** the following:

CLASS/ORDER	FAMILY
Primates	Cebidae – New World Monkeys Cercopithecidae – Old World Monkeys, Baboons Pongidae – Apes
Carnivora	Canidae – Nondomestic dogs Ursidae – Bears Felidae – Nondomestic cats
Sauria (Venomous)	Helodermatidae – Gila monsters
Serpentes (Venomous)	Elapidae – Coral snakes and cobras Viperidae – Vipers Crotalidae – Pit vipers
Crocodylia	Alligatoridae – Alligators and caiman Crocodylidae – crocodiles Gavialidae – Gavials
Psittaciformes	<i>Psittaculis spp.</i> – Ring-necked parakeets <i>Myiopsitta spp.</i> – Monk (Quaker) parakeets <i>Cyanoliseus patagonus</i> – Patagonian conures
Rodentia	<i>Cynomys spp.</i> – Prairie dogs <i>Spermophilus spp.</i> – Ground squirrels

NOTE: Potentially Dangerous Species and Endangered Species may not be kept as pets or for hobby purposes for any reason. NJ Fish & Wildlife classifies any animal as endangered when it is listed on any relevant State or Federal endangered species list, including but not limited to the [US Fish and Wildlife Service Endangered Species List](#), [IUCN Red List](#), and the [New Jersey Endangered Species List](#).

Wild phase corn snakes are classified as endangered in the State of New Jersey and may not be possessed as pets or for hobby purposes, nor may they be sold, for any reason. The only corn snake color morphs that are legal to possess as pets and/or sold in New Jersey include the following: red albino (amelanistic), butter, blizzard, candy cane, creamsicle, lavender, pearl, snow, and sun glow.

Due to the difficulties in determining morphological differences among several species, the following may not be kept as pets or for hobby purposes, nor may they be sold in New Jersey: grey tree frogs (all species), larval salamanders, water dogs, dino dogs, mud puppies, axolotls.

It is illegal to take any animal from the wild. If you see a sick, injured, or possibly orphaned wild animal, please contact a Wildlife Rehabilitator. A list of rehabilitators can be found [here](#).

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has issued a warning restricting the possession and sales of including but not limited to the following species: dormice, Gambian giant pouched rats, pygmy mice, spiny mice, and zebra mice. Also note: due to the possibility of Monkey Pox, a health warning restriction has been announced for the

following species: prairie dog; and six types of African rodents: tree squirrels, rope squirrels, dormice, Gambian giant pouched rats, brush-tailed porcupines, and striped mice are not allowed to be possessed or sold for any reason.

NOTE: Potentially Dangerous Species and Endangered Species may only be possessed by those who have the legal qualifications to care for these animals and are limited to Zoological Holding, Scientific Holding, and Animal Exhibitor permit holders.

For any questions, please call (609)292-9591 or email NJWildlifePermits@dep.nj.gov.