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## Species at Risk Consultation Period Extended

*Environment and Climate Change Canada has extended the consultation period of Batch 17 Species at Risk*

In January 2020, [Environment and Climate Change Canada](#) (ECCC) invited stakeholders to comment on the [proposed amendments to Schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act \(SARA\)](#): the potential listing (addition / reclassification) of 17 terrestrial species to SARA (Batch 17). However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, ECCC recognizes that groups may need more time to respond.

Within Batch 17, three species have habitats located in the Prairies: [Black Ash](#), [Hudsonian Godwit](#), and the [Greater Short-horned Lizard](#). Black Ash and Hudsonian Godwit are proposed for addition to SARA, and the Greater Short-horned Lizard has been proposed for reclassification from “Endangered” to “Special Concern”.

All feedback provided to ECCC will help the Government of Canada better understand the benefits and costs of these potential listings to stakeholders and will inform the minister’s recommendation on whether to:

- ◆ add the species to the list;
- ◆ not add the species to the list or;
- ◆ refer the species back to the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIS) for further consideration.

Information on listing and consultation process is posted on the [SARA Public Registry](#) (under FILES).

Please provide feedback on the Greater Short-horned Lizard by **April 2, 2021**. Please provide feedback on the Hudsonian Godwit and Black Ash by **September 2, 2021**.

Please email comments to the Species at Risk Public Registry at [ec.registrelep-sararegistry.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.registrelep-sararegistry.ec@canada.ca) or submit in writing to:

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