

Otters Don't Have Annual Incomes

Donate to support Colorado's endangered and
nongame wildlife on your tax return.



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Texas horned lizard



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Help threatened and endangered wildlife with a voluntary contribution through the “nongame and endangered wildlife cash fund” on your Colorado tax returns this year. Checking one box supports wildlife rehabilitation and preservation of threatened and endangered species in the state through Colorado Parks and Wildlife programs.

CPW is one of the organizations included on Colorado state income tax form 104A as part of Checkoff Colorado, which allows taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to the organizations of their choice when filing their state income tax returns. Contributors specify the amount of their donation. Donations are tax deductible and help support around 750 species of nongame wildlife that cannot be hunted, fished or trapped. Funds go to projects that manage or recover wildlife including birds of prey, lynx, river otter, black-footed ferret and others.

“The well-being of nongame species from the Eastern Plains to our highest peaks are key indicators of habitat health in Colorado,” said Reid DeWalt, assistant director for wildlife and natural resources at CPW. “The nongame tax checkoff is a vital tool for Colorado Parks and Wildlife to support the management of Colorado's numerous nongame species.”

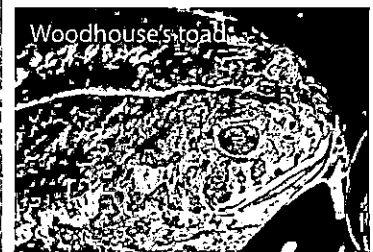
The nongame and endangered wildlife cash fund also supports wildlife rehabilitation centers that work with recovering wildlife ranging from chipmunks to the occasional swan.

“We joke that these animals don't have an annual income to support their livelihood, but the reality is that some wildlife is more vulnerable than other,” said Linda Tyler, executive director at Boulder County's Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. “Rehab centers like Greenwood provide care for orphaned and recovering wildlife, a conservation service that these threatened and vulnerable animals otherwise would not receive. We could not do the work we do without the support of voluntary contributions such as the nongame tax checkoff.”

CPW is an enterprise agency funded primarily by license sales, state parks fees and registration fees. The nongame program receives no state tax dollars and depends on voluntary contributions. Voluntary taxpayer support benefits CPW's mission to conserve Colorado's natural resources. Learn more about the income tax check-off and how you can support Colorado wildlife on the CPW website.

What is nongame?

Colorado is home to more than 750 species of wildlife that are categorized as “nongame” species or animals that are not hunted, fished or trapped.



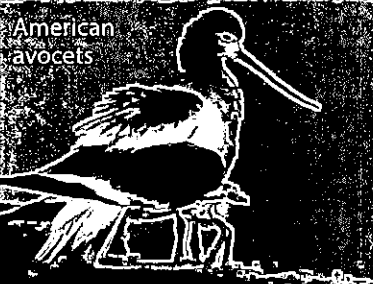
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