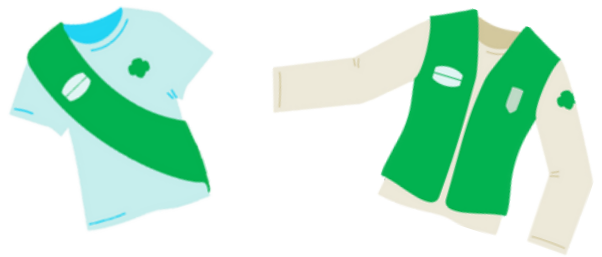


May
Patch of the Month

Endangered Species



In 1973, Congress passed the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to recognize the environmental importance of protecting species from extinction. This month learn how to protect wildlife and our environment and make the world a better place!



About Patch of the Month

Looking for some additional fun activities for your troop or just to do on your own? Each month, girls can discover, connect, and Take Action in a specific subject area. Hands-on activities are available for all Girl Scout levels and can be done at meetings, as a pre-meeting activity, or as an at-home project.

Patch of the Month programs provide Girl Scouts an opportunity to enjoy a variety of activities while earning a fun patch. Patch programs are available to Girl Scouts of all grade levels. Completing patch programs can help complete a Journey and may satisfy requirements for certain badges. It's not necessary to complete the patch programs in the months specified—they can be completed at any time! All fun patches are placed on the back of the vest or sash.

Patch of the Month Evaluation


Once you have completed the program activities, please be sure to fill out the [Patch of the Month Evaluation](#).

How to Order Patches

Visit the GSK Shop in-person or use the GSK Shop Order Form by clicking [here](#) to purchase your patch for \$2.00 each!

Endangered Species Patch Program

As you explore the importance of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), you will discover how to protect an endangered species and the habitat they depend on to survive. You can lead the way by understanding why this law is so important to our planet!



The work of TODAY
is the history of
TOMORROW and we
are its MAKERS.
Juliette Gordon Low

Steps

Steps to Earn Your Endangered Species Patch:

1. Complete activities from the Discover, Connect, and Take Action sections.
2. Order your patch!

Discover

- Research the process of how an endangered species is **listed** on the ESA? What is the difference between endangered and threatened? How do we know when an endangered species has recovered?
- Research other conservation laws and methods. How are they similar/different from the ESA?
- Explore environmental careers! (Here's a few to get you started: climatologist, environmental writer, zoologist, hydrologist)
- Investigate local, regional, and global species that are threatened or endangered.
- Explore, hike, and tour natural areas and learn about wildlife habitats.

Connect



- Watch a documentary concerning our environment.
- Develop an endangered species board game and include as many species as possible. Share and play your game with other Girl Scouts or classmates!
- Create an Infographic. Think of five things you could do to enhance the public's understanding of endangered species in your community.
- Meet a staff biologist, site manager, or research scientist and learn how they help preserve wildlife environments.

Act



- Organize or staff an exhibit or display at an Endangered Species Day event.
- Call, write, or visit your state Senator/Representative or congressional office and explain "Why I Care" about this important topic, and present how you would like them to help protect and enhance the Endangered Species Act.
- Volunteer at local wildlife rehab, nature center, museum, zoo, or aquarium.
- Join a conservation group or society.
- Be a part of Endangered Species Day. Register your event at www.endangered-speciesday.org!