

# Land of the Wild



A majority of Americans support the Endangered Species Act, according to a September 2023 Survey

## 80%

Support fully funding the Endangered Species Act to protect species from going extinct.

DEMOCRATS 87%

REPUBLICANS 77%

## 84%

Support the Endangered Species Act.

DEMOCRATS 89%

REPUBLICANS 80%

## 73%

Agree that biodiversity is important to our everyday lives.

DEMOCRATS 82%

REPUBLICANS 70%

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Endangered Species Act, established in 1973 to protect and conserve imperiled species. Despite the law's success and its increasing relevance in the face of climate change, pollution, and habitat loss, it faces an uncertain fate in Congress. As the results of a September 2023 poll reveal, however, support for the ESA remains overwhelmingly bipartisan. A majority of Americans in both political parties agree that the U.S. must continue to prioritize the ESA and protect biodiversity. Learn more at [defenders.org](https://defenders.org)

**Methodology:** the survey was conducted by RealClear Politics, September 7-9, 2023. The sample consisted of n=1,000 registered voters, with a credibility interval, similar to a poll's margin of error (MOE) of +/- 3 percentage points. The data sets were weighted by party affiliation, gender, age, education, and region. Data was collected using an online panel of registered voters.

## 70%

Believe decisions should be made by scientists, not politicians.

DEMOCRATS 80%

REPUBLICANS 61%

## 67%

Believe that protecting biodiversity should be a national priority.

DEMOCRATS 78%

REPUBLICANS 68%