

Table 16.2-1 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Navajo Natural Heritage Program (NNHP)
Listed Species with the Potential to Occur in Area 4 North, Area 4 South, and Area 5

Species	Status*	Habitat association
Bird species		
Ferruginous hawk (<i>Buteo regalis</i>)	NESL G3	Nests in badlands, flat or rolling grasslands, and desert scrub.
Golden eagle (<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>)	NESL G3	Open habitats in mountainous, canyon terrain. Nests primarily on steep cliffs and occasionally large trees.
Mountain plover (<i>Charadrius montanus</i>)	NESL G4	Breeds in short sparse vegetation in disturbed prairies or semideserts with less than a 2-degree slope.
Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>)	NESL G2; Federally endangered	Breeds in dense, shrubby riparian habitats, usually in close proximity to surface water or saturated soil.
Western burrowing owl (<i>Athene cunicularia hypugea</i>)	NESL G4	Nests in ground burrows (often deserted prairie dog burrows) in dry open grasslands or desert scrub.
Yellow-billed cuckoo (<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>)	Federal candidate	Breeds in riparian woodlands with dense understory vegetation.
Mammal species		
Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>)	Federally endangered NESL G2	Open grasslands with year-round prairie dog colonies.
Pronghorn antelope (<i>Antilocapra americana</i>)	NESL G3	Grasslands or desert-scrub with rolling or dissected hills or small mesas.
Kit fox (<i>Vulpes macrotis</i>)	NESL G4	Desert scrub or desert grasslands with soft, alluvial or silty clay soils, sparse vegetation
Plant species		
Knowlton's cactus (<i>Pediocactus knowltonii</i>)	Federally endangered	Alluvial deposits that form rolling, gravelly hills in piñon-juniper and sagebrush communities (6,200-6,400 ft).

Table 16.3-1 (Continued)

Species	Status*	Habitat association
Plant species (continued)		
Mancos milkvetch (<i>Astragalus humillimus</i>)	Federally endangered	Cracks of Point Lookout Sandstone of the Mesa Verde series (5,000-6,000 ft).
Mesa Verde cactus (<i>Sclerocactus mesae-verdae</i>)	Federally threatened	Highly alkaline soils in sparse shale or adobe clay badlands of the Mancos and Fruitland formations (4,000-5,550 ft)

*G2 = Group 2 species on the Navajo Endangered Species List (NESL); G3 = Group 3 species on the NESL; G4 = Group 4 species on the NESL

¹ The Navajo Endangered Species List (NESL) (10 Sep 2008) lists banner-tail kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys spectabilis*) as a Group 4 species only for populations in Arizona and Utah portions of the Navajo Nation. Populations in the New Mexico portion of the Navajo Nation are not included in the Group 4 designation.