

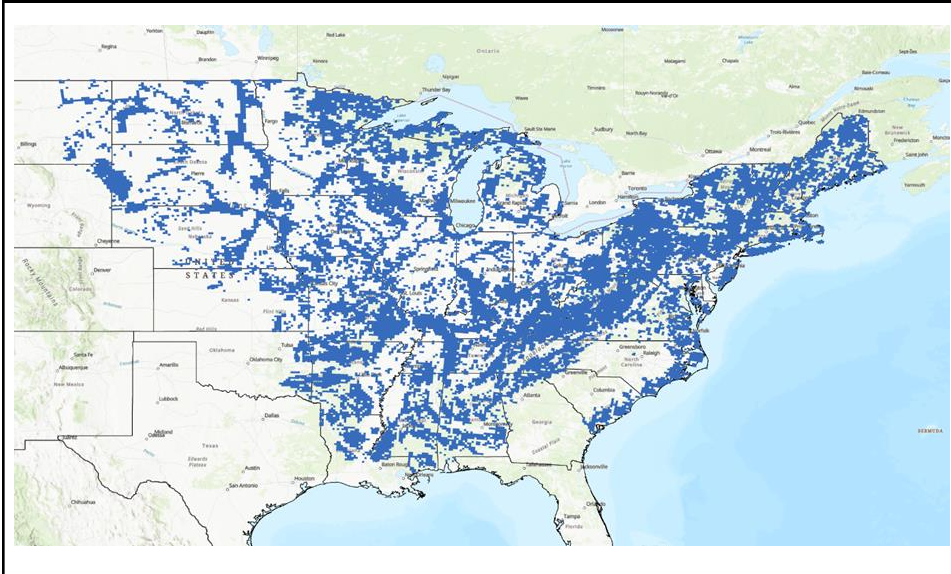
# USFWS Updates



## Northern Long-Eared Bat

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- Reclassified as Endangered in 2023
  - Final guidance and tool documents released in October 2024
    - NLEB and TCB Range-Wide Determination Key (DKey) in the Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) website.
    - Consultation Guidance for Development Projects
    - NLEB Wind Guidance
    - Sustainable Forest Management Guidance
    - Final Tools and Guidance FAQs
  - NLEB range was updated as part of this effort

## Northern Long-Eared Bat Range



## Northern Long-Eared Bat

- What you really need to know about the new tools and guidance...
  - The USFWS Ohio Ecological Services Field Office (OHFO) strongly recommends you **DO NOT USE** the rangewide NLEB and TCB Dkey if prompted in IPaC for Ohio projects.
  - Why?
    - Indiana bat range includes all of Ohio, so project proponents still need to contact OHFO for technical assistance and/or consultation
    - It is more streamlined to simply contact OHFO for TA regarding all bat species on an official IPaC species list

## Tricolored Bat

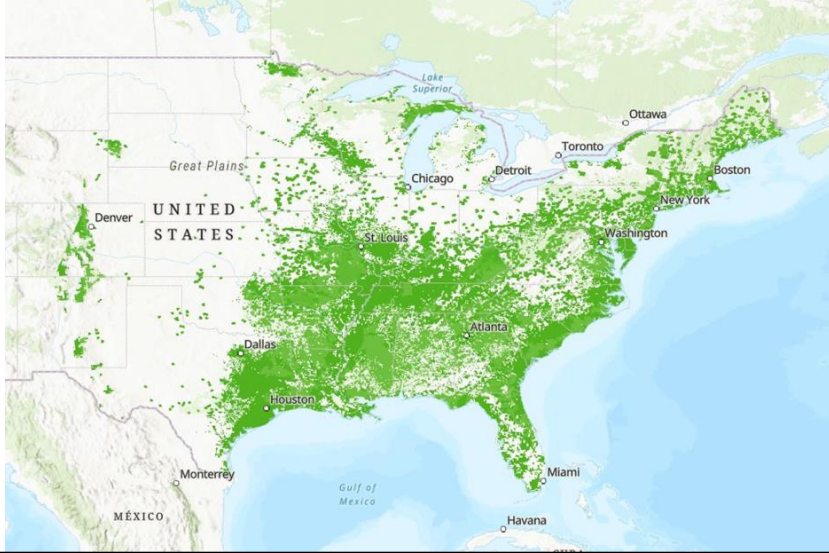


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## Tricolored Bat Range



## Little Brown Bat



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- Discretionary SSA (not a petitioned action)
  - Listing decision now scheduled for FY26

## USFWS Indiana Bat and Northern Long-Eared Bat Survey Guidelines

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- 2025 Guidelines expected by March 31, 2025
  - P/A surveys for both species must use NLEB LOE (greater LOE)
  - Must have a Federal and State permit to mist-net in Ohio.
  - Federal permits require written approval of survey proposals before surveys are performed. All permitted persons working on a survey need to be included on the written authorization.
  - All proposals must include an IPaC Project Code

## Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC)

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- <https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov/>
  - Request an official species list for the project and submit the Project Code on the species list with your survey proposal.
  - If USFWS has previously reviewed the project and provided comments, a Project Code should have already been assigned. Provide the existing code with the survey proposal

# Questions?