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ARACHNID, CENTIPEDE, MILLIPEDE

Pseudotremia, Ellett Valley	No		No		No	State Threatened
Spider, Spruce-fir Moss	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Xystodesmid, Laurel Creek	No		No		No	State Threatened
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Native Terrestrial (rest)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

BATS

Big-eared, Rafinesque's	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Big-eared, Rafinesque's Eastern	No		No		No	State Endangered
Big-eared, Virginia	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Brown, Big	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Brown, Little	No		No		No	State Endangered
Evening	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Gray	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Hoary	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Indiana	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Long-eared, Northern	No		No		No	US/State Threatened
Red, Eastern	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Seminole	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Silver-haired	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Small-footed	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Southeastern	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Tri-colored	No		No		No	State Endangered
Yellow, Northern	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Unlisted	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets

BEARS

Black	No		No		No	Game - No known law permitting pets
Unlisted	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets

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BIRDS

Anhinga	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Avocet, American	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Bittern, American	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Bittern, Least	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Blackbird, Brewer's	Yes	No*	Yes	No	~	Nuisance Species - Possess - No known laws; Import - See Ag
Blackbird, Red-winged	Yes	No*	Yes	No	~	Nuisance Species - Possess - No known laws; Import - See Ag
Blackbird, Rusty	Yes	No*	Yes	No	~	Nuisance Species - Possess - No known laws; Import - See Ag
Blackbird, Yellow-headed	Yes	No*	Yes	No	~	Nuisance Species - Possess - No known laws; Import - See Ag
Bluebird, Eastern	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Bobolink	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Brant	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Bufflehead	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Bunting, Indigo	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Bunting, Painted	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Bunting, Snow	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Canvasback	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Cardinal, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Catbird, Gray	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Chat, Yellow-breasted	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Chickadee, Black-capped	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Chickadee, Carolina	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Chicken (domestic races)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Chuck-will's-widow	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Coot, American	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Only if specifically allowed by law
Cormorant, Double-crested	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Cormorant, Great	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Cowbird, Brown-headed	Yes	No*	Yes	No	~	Nuisance Species - Possess - No known laws; Import - See Ag
Crane, Sandhill	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Creepers, Brown	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected

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Crossbill, Red	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Crow, American	Yes	No*	Yes	No	~	Nuisance Species - Possess - No known laws; Import - See Ag
Crow, Fish	Yes	No*	Yes	No	~	Nuisance Species - Possess - No known laws; Import - See Ag
Cuckoo, Black-billed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Cuckoo, Yellow-billed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Curlew, Long-billed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Dickcissel	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Dove, Eurasian Collared-	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Only if specifically allowed by law
Dove, Mourning	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Only if specifically allowed by law
Dove, Rock	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Dowitcher, Long-billed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Dowitcher, Short-billed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Duck (morphologically different)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Duck, American Black	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Duck, Fulvous Whistling	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Duck, Harlequin	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Duck, Long-tailed	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Duck, Ring-necked	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Duck, Ruddy	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Duck, Wood	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Dunlin	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Eagle, Bald	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Eagle, Golden	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Egret, Cattle	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Egret, Great	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Egret, Snowy	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Eider, Common	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Eider, King	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Falcon, Arctic Peregrine	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Falcon, Peregrine	No		No		No	State Threatened
Finch, House	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Finch, Purple	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected

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Flicker, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Flycatcher, Acadian	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Flycatcher, Alder	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Flycatcher, Great Crested	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Flycatcher, Least	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Flycatcher, Olive-sided	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Flycatcher, Willow	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Fulmar, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Gadwall	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Gallinule	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Only if specifically allowed by law
Gannet, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Godwit, Hudsonian	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Godwit, Marbled	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Golden-Plover, American	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Goldeneye, Common	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Goldfinch, American	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Goose (morphologically different)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Goose, Cackling	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Goose, Canada	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Goose, Greater White-fronted	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Goose, Snow	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Goshawk, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Grackle, Boat-tailed	Yes	No*	Yes	No	~	Nuisance Species - Possess - No known laws; Import - See Ag
Grackle, Common	Yes	No*	Yes	No	~	Nuisance Species - Possess - No known laws; Import - See Ag
Grebe, Eared	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Grebe, Horned	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Grebe, Pied-billed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Grebe, Red-necked	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Grebe, Western	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected

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Grosbeak, Blue	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Grosbeak, Evening	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Grosbeak, Rose-breasted	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Grouse, Ruffed	Yes*		Yes*	No	No	Nonmigratory Game - Only if specifically allowed by law
Gull, Black-headed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Gull, Bonaparte's	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Gull, Glaucous	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Gull, Great Black-backed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Gull, Herring	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Gull, Iceland	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Gull, Laughing	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Gull, Lesser Black-backed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Gull, Little	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Gull, Ring-billed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Guineafowl, Helmeted (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Harrier, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Hawk, Broad-winged	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Hawk, Cooper's	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Hawk, Red-shouldered	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Hawk, Red-tailed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Hawk, Rough-legged	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Hawk, Sharp-shinned	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Heron, Black-crowned Night-	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Heron, Great Blue	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Heron, Green	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Heron, Little Blue	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Heron, Tricolored	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Heron, Yellow-crowned Night-	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Hummingbird, Ruby-throated	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Hummingbird, Rufous	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Ibis, Glossy	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected

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Ibis, White	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Jaeger, Parasitic	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Jaeger, Pomarine	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Jay, Blue	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Junco, Dark-eyed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Kestrel, American	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Killdeer	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Kingbird, Eastern	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Kingbird, Western	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Kingfisher, Belted	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Kinglet, Golden-crowned	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Kinglet, Ruby-crowned	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Kite, Mississippi	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Kite, Swallow-tailed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Kittiwake, Black-legged	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Knot, Red	No		No		No	US/State Threatened
Lark, Horned	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Loon, Common	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Loon, Red-throated	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Mallard	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Martin, Purple	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Meadowlark, Eastern	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Merganser, Common	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Merganser, Hooded	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Merganser, Red-breasted	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Merlin	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Mockingbird, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Moorhen, Common	Yes*		Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Only if specifically allowed by law
Murre, Thick-billed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Nighthawk, Common	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Nuthatch, Brown-headed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Nuthatch, Red-breasted	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected

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Nuthatch, White-breasted	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Oriole, Baltimore	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Oriole, Orchard	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Osprey	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Ovenbird	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Owl, Barn	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Owl, Barred	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Owl, Eastern Screech-	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Owl, Great Horned	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Owl, Long-eared	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Owl, Northern Saw-whet	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Owl, Short-eared	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Owl, Snowy	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Oystercatcher, American	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Parakeet, Monk (captive-bred)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt from predatory animal laws
Parakeet, Monk (wild)	No		No		No	Naturalized Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Partridge, Chukar	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	NonMigratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Partridge, Hungarian	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	NonMigratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Parula, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Peafowl, Indian (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Pelican, American White	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Pelican, Brown	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Pewee, Eastern Wood	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Phalarope, Red	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Phalarope, Red-necked	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Phalarope, Wilson's	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Pheasant, Ring-necked	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	NonMigratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Phoebe, Eastern	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Pigeon, Domestic	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Pintail, Northern	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Pipet, American	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Plover, Black-bellied	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected

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Plover, Piping	No		No		No	US/State Threatened
Plover, Semipalmated	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Plover, Wilson's	No		No		No	State Endangered
Quail, Northern Bobwhite	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	NonMigratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Rail, Black	No		No		No	State Endangered
Rail, Clapper	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Only if specifically allowed by law
Rail, King	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Only if specifically allowed by law
Rail, Virginia	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Only if specifically allowed by law
Rail, Yellow	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Only if specifically allowed by law
Raven, Common	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Razorbill	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Redhead	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Redpoll, Common	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Redstart, American	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Robin, American	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Ruff	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sanderling	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sandpiper, Baird's	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sandpiper, Buff-breasted	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sandpiper, Curlew	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sandpiper, Least	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sandpiper, Pectoral	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sandpiper, Purple	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sandpiper, Semipalmated	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sandpiper, Solitary	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sandpiper, Spotted	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sandpiper, Stilt	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sandpiper, Upland	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sandpiper, Western	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sandpiper, White-rumped	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Scaup, Greater	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag

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Scaup, Lesser	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Scoter, Black	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Scoter, Surf	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Scoter, White-winged	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Shearwater, Audubon's	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Shearwater, Cory's	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Shearwater, Greater	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Shearwater, Manx	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Shearwater, Sooty	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Shrike, Loggerhead	No		No		No	State Threatened
Shrike, Migrant Loggerhead	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Shoveler, Northern	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Siskin, Pine	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Skimmer, Black	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Skua, Great	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Snipe, Common	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Only if specifically allowed by law
Snipe, Wilson's	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Only if specifically allowed by law
Sora	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Only if specifically allowed by law
Sparrow, American Tree	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sparrow, Bachman's	No		No		No	State Threatened
Sparrow, Bank	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sparrow, Chipping	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sparrow, Clay-colored	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sparrow, Coastal Plain Swamp	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sparrow, Field	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sparrow, Fox	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sparrow, Grasshopper	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sparrow, Henslow's	No		No		No	State Threatened
Sparrow, House	Yes	No*	Yes	No	~	Nuisance Species - Possess - No known laws; Import - See Ag
Sparrow, Lark	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sparrow, LeConte's	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sparrow, Lincoln's	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected

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Sparrow, Nelson's Sharp-tailed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sparrow, Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sparrow, Savannah	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sparrow, Seaside	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sparrow, Song	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sparrow, Southern Swamp	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sparrow, Swamp	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sparrow, Tree	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sparrow, Vesper	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sparrow, White-crowned	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Sparrow, White-throated	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Starling, European	Yes	No*	Yes	No	~	Nuisance Species - Possess - No known laws; Import - See Ag
Stilt, Black-necked	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Stork, Wood	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Storm-Petrel, Wilson's	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Swallow, Barn	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Swallow, Cave	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Swallow, Cliff	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Swallow, Northern Rough-winged	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Swan, Mute	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Swan, Tundra	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Swift, Chimney	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Teal, Blue-winged	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Teal, Green-winged	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Tanager, Scarlet	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Tanager, Summer	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Tanager, Western	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Tern, Arctic	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Tern, Black	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Tern, Bridled	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Tern, Caspian	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Tern, Common	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected

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Tern, Forster's	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Tern, Gull-billed	No		No		No	State Threatened
Tern, Least	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Tern, Roseate	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Tern, Royal	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Tern, Sandwich	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Tern, Sooty	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Thrasher, Brown	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Thrush, Bicknell's	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Thrush, Gray-cheeked	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Thrush, Hermit	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Thrush, Swainson's	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Thrush, Wood	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Titmouse, Tufted	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Towhee, Eastern	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Turkey (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Turkey, Wild	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Nonmigratory Game - Only if specifically allowed by law
Turnstone, Ruddy	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Veery	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Vireo, Blue-headed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Vireo, Red-eyed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Vireo, Warbling	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Vireo, White-eyed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Vireo, Yellow-throated	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Vulture, Black	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Vulture, Turkey	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Bachman's	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Warbler, Bay-breasted	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Black-and-white	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Black-throated Blue	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Black-throated Green	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Blackburnian	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected

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Warbler, Blackpoll	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Blue-winged	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Brewster's	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Canada	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Cape May	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Cerulean	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Chestnut-sided	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Connecticut	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Golden-winged	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Hooded	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Kentucky	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Kirtland's	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Warbler, Lawrence's	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Magnolia	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Mourning	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Nashville	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Orange-crowned	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Palm	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Pine	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Prairie	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Prothonotary	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Swainson's	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Tennessee	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Wilson's	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Worm-eating	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Yellow	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Yellow-rumped	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Warbler, Yellow-throated	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Waterthrush, Louisiana	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Waterthrush, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Waxwing, Cedar	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Whimbrel	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected

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Whip-poor-will	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Wigeon, American	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Wigeon, Eurasian	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Willet	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Woodcock, American	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	Migratory Game - Only if specifically allowed by law
Woodpecker, Downy	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Woodpecker, Hairy	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Woodpecker, Pileated	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Woodpecker, Red-bellied	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Woodpecker, Red-cockaded	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Woodpecker, Red-headed	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Wren, Bewick's	No		No		No	State Endangered
Wren, Carolina	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Wren, House	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Wren, Marsh	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Wren, Sedge	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Wren, Winter	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Yellowlegs, Greater	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Yellowlegs, Lesser	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
Yellowthroat, Common	No		No		No	Nongame - Protected
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
MBTA (rest)	Yes	No*	Yes	No	~	Nuisance Species - Possess - No known laws; Import - See Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

CANINES

Coyote						Nuisance Species
Fox, Eastern Gray	No		No		No	Fur-bearing animal - No pets
Fox, Red (domestic w/ distinguishable coats)	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets - grandfather before 7/1/17
Fox, Red	No		No		No	Fur-bearing animal - No pets
Wolf, Gray	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Wolf Hybrid	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal

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Unlisted	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
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ELEPHANTS

US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No	No	NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

FELINES

Bobcat	No		No		No	Fur-bearing animal - No pets
Cougar, Eastern	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Domestic Hybrids	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal
Unlisted	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets

FISH

Alewife (non-anadromous)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Anchovy, Bay	~		~		~	Native Marine - See Marine laws
Bass, Black Sea	~		~		~	Native Marine - See Marine laws
Bass, Largemouth (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Bass, Roanoke (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Bass, Rock (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Bass, Smallmouth (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Bass, Spotted (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Bass, Striped	~		~		~	Native Marine - See Marine laws
Bass, White	Yes	No	No		Yes	Freshwater Game - Bans buying; Take - see fishing
Bluefish	~		~		~	Native Marine - See Marine laws
Bluegill (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Bowfin	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Buffalo, Bigmouth	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Buffalo, Black	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Buffalo, Smallmouth	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Bullhead, Black (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Bullhead, Brown (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag

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Bullhead, Flat (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Bullhead, Snail (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Bullhead, Yellow (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Carp, Bighead	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Carp, Black	No		No		NA	Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Species; Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Carp, Common	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Carp, Grass	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Carp, Silver	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Carp, Triploid Grass (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Carp sucker, River	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Catfish, Air-breathing	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Catfish, Blue	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes*	Nongame - See 4VAC15-320-25; Import - See ag
Catfish, Channel (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes*	Nongame - See 4VAC15-320-25; Import - See ag
Catfish, Flathead	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes*	Nongame - See 4VAC15-320-25; Import - See ag
Catfish, White (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes*	Nongame - See 4VAC15-320-25; Import - See ag
Chub, Bigeye (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Chub, Bigmouth (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Chub, Blotched (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Chub, Bluehead (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Chub, Bull (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Chub, Creek (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Chub, Highback (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Chub, River (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Chub, Slender	No		No		No	US/State Threatened
Chub, Speckled (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Chub, Spotfin	No		No		No	US/State Threatened
Chub, Streamline (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Chub, Thicklip (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Chubsucker, Creek	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Chubsucker, Lake	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Crappie, Black (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag

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Crappie, White (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Croaker, Atlantic	~		~		~	Native Marine - See Marine laws
Dace, Ash Meadows Speckled	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Dace, Blacknose	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Dace, Blackside	No		No		No	US/State Threatened
Dace, Clinch (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Dace, Clover Valley Speckled	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Dace, Foscett Speckled	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Dace, Independence Valley Speckled	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Dace, Kendall Warm Springs	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Dace, Laurel	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Dace, Longnose (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Dace, Mountain Redbelly (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Dace, Pearl (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Dace, Rosyside (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Dace, Tennessee	No		No		No	State Endangered
Dace, Western Blacknose (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Darter, Amber	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Darter, Appalachia	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Ashy	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Banded	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Bayou	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Darter, Blackside	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Bluebreast	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Bluemask	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Darter, Blueside	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Bluespar	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Boulder	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Darter, Candy	No		No		No	Prohibited - No pets
Darter, Carolina	No		No		No	State Threatened
Darter, Carolina Fantail	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag

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Darter, Chainback	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Channel	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Cherokee	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Darter, Cumberland	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Darter, Diamond	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Darter, Dusky	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Duskytail	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Darter, Etowah	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Darter, Fantail	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Fountain	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Darter, Gilt	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Glassy	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Golden	No		No		No	State Threatened
Darter, Goldline	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Darter, Greenfin	No		No		No	State Threatened
Darter, Greenside	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Johnny	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Kanawha	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Leopard	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Darter, Longfin	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Niangua	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Darter, Okaloosa	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Darter, Olive	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Orangethroat	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Piedmont	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Rainbow	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Redline	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Redlip	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Relict	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Darter, Riverweed	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Roanoke	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Rush	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets

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Darter, Sawcheek	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Sharphead	No		No		No	State Endangered
Darter, Sharpnose	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Shield	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Sickle	No		No		No	State Threatened
Darter, Slackwater	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Darter, Snail	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Darter, Snubnose	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Speckled	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Stripeback	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Stripetail	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Swamp	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Swannanoa	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Tangerine	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Tennessee	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Tessellated	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Tippecanoe	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Variegate	No		No		No	State Endangered
Darter, Vermilion	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Darter, Watercrest	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Darter, Western Sand	No		No		No	State Threatened
Darter, Wounded	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Darter, Yellowcheek	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Drum, Black	~		~		~	Native Marine - See Marine laws
Drum, Freshwater	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Drum, Red	~		~		~	Native Marine - See Marine laws
Eel, American	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take/day & possess 25 - Must be 9"; Import - See Ag
Eel, Swamp	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Fallfish (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Flier	Yes	No	No		Yes	Freshwater Game - Bans buying; Take - see fishing
Flounder, Southern	~		~		~	Native Marine - See Marine laws
Flounder, Summer	~		~		~	Native Marine - See Marine laws

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Gambusia, Big Bend	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Gambusia, Clear Creek	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Gambusia, Pecos	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Gambusia, San Marcos	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Gar, Longnose	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Goby, Round	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Goby, Tubenose	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Goldfish	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Herring, Blueback (non-anadromous)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Hogchoker	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Jumprock, Bigeye	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Jumprock, Black	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Killifish, Banded	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Killifish, Marsh	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Killifish, Rainwater	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Killifish, Speckled	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Killifish, Spotfin	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Ladyfish	~		~		~	Native Marine - See Marine laws
Lamprey, American Brook	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Lamprey, Least Brook	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Lamprey, Mountain Brook	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Lamprey, Ohio	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Lamprey, Sea	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Logperch	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Logperch, Blotchside	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Logperch, Conasauga	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Logperch, Roanoke	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Madtom, Chucky	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Madtom, Margined	Yes	No	No		Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Bans sale
Madtom, Mountain	Yes	No	No		Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Bans sale
Madtom, Neosho	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Madtom, Orangefin	No		No		No	State Threatened

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Madtom, Pygmy	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Madtom, Scioto	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Madtom, Smoky	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Madtom, Spotted	Yes	No	No		Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Bans sale
Madtom, Tadpole	Yes	No	No		Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Bans sale
Madtom, Yellowfin	No		No		No	US/State Threatened
Menhaden, Atlantic	~		~		~	Native Marine - See Marine laws
Minnow, Bluntnose (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Minnow, Bullhead (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Minnow, Cutlips (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Minnow, Eastern Silvery (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Minnow, Fathead (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Minnow, Fatlips (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Minnow, Kanawha (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Minnow, Sheepshead (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Minnow, Silverjaw (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Minnow, Stargazing (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Minnow, Suckermouth (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Minnow, Tonguetied (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Mosquitofish, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Mudminnow, Eastern (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Mullet, Striped	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Mummichog	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Muskellunge (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Needlefish, Atlantic	~		~		~	Native Marine - See Marine laws
Paddlefish	No		No		No	State Threatened
Perch, Pirate	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Perch, Silver	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Perch, White	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Perch, Yellow (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Pickrel, Chain (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	No		Yes	Freshwater Game - Bans buying; Take - see fishing
Pickrel, Redfin	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag

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Pike, Northern (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	No		Yes	Freshwater Game - Bans buying; Take - see fishing
Pipefish	~		~		~	Native Marine - See Marine laws
Pirambeba	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Piranha (<i>Serrasalmo</i> , <i>Serrasalmus</i> , <i>Tadyyella</i>)	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Piranha - Caribe, True	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Piranha, Lobetooth (<i>Pygopristis</i>)	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Piranha, Red (<i>Rooseveltiella</i>)	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Piranha, Red-bellied (<i>Pygocentrus</i>)	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Pumpkinseed	Yes	No	No		Yes	Freshwater Game - Bans buying; Take - see fishing
Quillback	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Ray, Cownose	~		~		~	Native Marine - See Marine laws
Redhorse, Black	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Redhorse, Golden	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Redhorse, Notchlip	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Redhorse, River	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Redhorse, Robust	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Redhorse, Shorthead	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Redhorse, Silver	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Redhorse, Smallfin	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Redhorse, Smallmouth	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Redhorse, V-lip	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Rudd	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Ruffe	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Sauger	Yes	No	No		Yes	Freshwater Game - Bans buying; Take - see fishing
Saugeye	Yes	No	No		Yes	Freshwater Game - Bans buying; Take - see fishing
Sculpin, Banded	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Sculpin, Black	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Sculpin, Blue Ridge	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Sculpin, Bluestone	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Sculpin, Clinch	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Sculpin, Grotto	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets

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Sculpin, Holston	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Sculpin, Mottled	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Sculpin, Potomac	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Sculpin, Pygmy	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Sculpin, Slimy	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Shad, American	No		No		No	Nongame - See 4VAC15-320-25
Shad, Gizzard	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Shad, Hickory	Yes	No	Yes		Yes*	Nongame - See 4VAC15-320-25
Shad, Threadfin	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Arkansas River	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Shiner, Beautiful	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Shiner, Blue	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Shiner, Bridle (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Cahaba	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Shiner, Cape Fear	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Shiner, Comely (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Common (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Crescent (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Emerald	No		No		No	State Threatened
Shiner, Fieryblack (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Golden (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Highfin (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Highland (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Ironcolor (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Mimic (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Mirror (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Mountain (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, New River (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Palezone	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Shiner, Pecos Bluntnose	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Shiner, Popeye (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Red	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets

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Shiner, Rosefin (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Rosyface (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Roughhead (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Saffron (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Sand (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Sandbar (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Satinfish (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Sawfin (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Silver (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Spotfin (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Spottail (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Steelcolor	No		No		No	State Threatened
Shiner, Striped (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Swallowtail (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Telescope (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Tennessee (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Topeka	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Shiner, Warpaint (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, White (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Whitefin (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Shiner, Whitemouth	No		No		No	State Threatened
Shiner, Whitetail (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Import - See Ag
Silverside, Atlantic	~		~		~	Native Marine - See Marine laws
Silverside, Brook	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Silverside, Inland	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Snakehead, Northern	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Snakehead (rest)	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Spot	~		~		~	Native Marine - See Marine laws
Stickleback, Fourspine	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Stickleback, Threespine	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Stickleback, Unarmored Threespine	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Stonecat	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag

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Stoneroller, Central	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Stoneroller, Largescale	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Studfish, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Sturgeon, Atlantic	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Sturgeon, Shortnose	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Sucker, Harelip	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Sucker, Modoc	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Sucker, Northern Hog	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Sucker, Roanoke Hog	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Sucker, Rustyside	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Sucker, Santa Ana	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Sucker, Torrent	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Sucker, Warner	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Sucker, White	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Sunfish, Banded (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Sunfish, Banded Pygmy (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Sunfish, Blackbanded	No		No		No	State Endangered
Sunfish, Bluespotted (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Sunfish, Dollar (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Sunfish, Green (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Sunfish, Longear (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Sunfish, Mud (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Sunfish, Redbreast (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Sunfish, Redear (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Sunfish, Spring Pygmy	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Swampfish	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Tench	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Tilapia (<i>Tilapia</i>)	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Toadfish, Oyster	~		~		~	Native Marine - See Marine laws
Topminnow, Gila	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Topminnow, Lined (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag

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Trout, Brook (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Trout, Brown (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Trout, Rainbow (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Trout, Spotted Sea	~		~		~	Native Marine - See Marine laws
Trout-perch (BS/PS/AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Walleye (AF - pond only)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Freshwater Game - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Warmouth	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Weakfish	~		~		~	Native Marine - See Marine laws
Weatherfish, Oriental	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

NOTE: Allows sale of certain fish: For aquariums, species with a PS are legal to sell at pet stores, AF at aquaculture facilities, and BS at bait stores except for those only for private ponds. All others may NOT be sold.

HERPTILES

NOTE: Exotic reptiles must be kept in a manner that prevents their escape, and they may not run at large.

Caecilians

Native Albino	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

Crocodilians

All	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
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Frogs

Bullfrog, American	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Game - Take/day & possess 15; Import - See Ag
Carpenter	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Chorus, Brimley's	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Chorus, Mountain	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Chorus, New Jersey	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Chorus, Southern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag

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Chorus, Upland	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Clawed, African	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Cricket, Coastal Plain	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Cricket, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Dwarf, African	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Grass, Little	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Green, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Leopard, Southern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Pickerel	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Spring Peeper	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Treefrog, Barking	No		No		No	State Threatened
Treefrog, Cope's Gray	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Treefrog, Gray	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Treefrog, Green	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Treefrog, Pine Woods	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Treefrog, Squirrel	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Wood	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Native Albino	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

Lizards

Fence, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Gecko, Mediterranean	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Naturalized Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Glass, Eastern	No		No		No	State Threatened
Glass, Eastern Slender	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Racerunner, Eastern Six-lined	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Skink, Broad-headed	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Skink, Common Five-lined	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Skink, Little brown	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Skink, Northern Coal	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag

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Skink, Southeastern Five-lined	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Native Albino	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

Salamanders						
Amphiuma, Two-toed	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Big Levels	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Black-bellied	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Black Mountain	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Cave	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Cow Knob	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Cumberland Plateau	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Dusky, Allegheny Mountain	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Dusky, Blue Ridge	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Dusky, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Dusky, Southern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Flat-headed	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Four-toed	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Gray-cheeked, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Green	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Hellbender, Eastern	No		No		No	Native - Prohibited
Jefferson	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Longtail	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Mabee's	No		No		No	State Threatened
Many-lined	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Marbled	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Mole (native)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Mole (rest)	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Mud, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Mud, Midland	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag

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Mudpuppy, Common	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Newt, Red-spotted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Peaks of Otter	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Pigmy	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Ravine, Southern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Red, Blue Ridge	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Red, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Red-backed, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Seal	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Shenandoah	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Shenandoah Mountain	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Shovel-nosed	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Siren, Eastern Lesser	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Siren, Greater	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Slimy, Atlantic Coast	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Slimy, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Slimy, White-spotted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Spring, Blue Ridge	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Spring, Kentucky	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Spring, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Spotted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Three-lined	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Tiger, Eastern	No		No		No	State Endangered
Two-lined, Blue Ridge	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Two-lined, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Two-lined, Southern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Valley and Ridge	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Waterdog, Dwarf	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Wehrle's	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Weller's	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Yonahlossee	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag
Zigzag, Southern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait (if <6"); Import - See Ag

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Native Albino	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

NOTE: Bans sale of salamanders except for non-native newts.

Snakes

Brown, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Copperhead, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Cornsnake, Red	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take/possess 5; Sale legal; Import - See Ag
Cottonmouth, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Crayfish, Glossy	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Crowned, Southeastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Earth, Eastern Smooth	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Earth, Mountain	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Earth, Rough	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Garter, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Green, Northern Rough	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Green, Smooth	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Hognose, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Kingsnake, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take/possess 5; Sale legal; Import - See Ag
Kingsnake, Eastern Black	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Kingsnake, Mole	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take/possess 5; Sale legal; Import - See Ag
Kingsnake, Scarlet	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take/possess 5; Sale legal; Import - See Ag
Milk, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Mud, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Pinesnake, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Queen	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Racer, Northern Black	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Rainbow	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Rat, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Rattlesnake, Canebrake	No		No		No	State Endangered

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Rattlesnake, Timber	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Red-bellied, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Ribbon, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Ring-necked, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Ring-necked, Southern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Scarlet, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Tree, Brown	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Water, Brown	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Water, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Water, Plain-bellied	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Worm, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Bans in-state sale; Import - See Ag
Native Albino	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

Toads

American, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Cane	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Fowler's	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Narrow-mouthed, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Oak	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Southern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Spadefoot, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Native Albino	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

Tortoises

US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
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Tuataras						
Native Albino	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No	No	NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

Turtles						
Bog	No		No		No	Federal Threatened S/A/State Endangered
Box, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Chicken, Eastern	No		No		No	State Endangered
Cooter, Coastal Plain	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Cooter, Eastern River	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Cooter, Northern Red-bellied	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Map, Mississippi	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Naturalized Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Map, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Mud, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Mud, Striped	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Musk, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Musk, Stripe-necked	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Painted, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Sea, Green	No		No		No	US/State Threatened
Sea, Hawksbill	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Sea, Kemp's Ridley	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Sea, Leatherback	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Sea, Loggerhead	No		No		No	US/State Threatened
Slider, Cumberland	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Slider, Red-eared	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Naturalized Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Slider, Yellow-bellied	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Snapping	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Softshell, Chinese	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Naturalized Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Softshell, Eastern Spiny	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag
Softshell, Gulf Coast Spiny	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Naturalized Nongame - Take & possess 5; Import - See Ag

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Spotted	No		No		No	Native - Prohibited
Terrapin, Northern Diamond-backed	No		No		No	Native - Prohibited
Wood	No		No		No	State Threatened
Native Albino	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

NOTE: Native: Only snapping turtles may be sold for aquariums.

INSECTS

Bee, Rusty Patched Bumble	No		No		No	US Endangered
Beetle, American Burying	No		No		No	US Endangered
Beetle, Holsinger's Cave	No		No		No	State Endangered
Beetle, Northeastern Beach Tiger	No		No		No	US/State Threatened
Beetle, Thomas' Cave	No		No		No	State Endangered
Boatman, Virginia Piedmont Water	No		No		No	State Endangered
Butterfly, Mitchell's Satyr	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Hellgramite (BS,PS, AF)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take/possess 50 all bait; Legal to sell; Import - See Ag
Mealybug, Buffalo Mountain	No		No		No	State Endangered
Skipper, Appalachian Grizzled	No		No		No	State Threatened
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Native Terrestrial (rest)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Native Aquatic (rest)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

INSECTIVORA/EULIPOTYPHLA (Gymnore, Hedgehog, Mole, Moonrat, Shrew)

Mole, Eastern	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Mole, Hairy-tailed	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Mole, Howell's Eastern	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Mole, Small Star-nosed	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Mole, Star-nosed	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Shrew, American Water	No		No		No	State Endangered

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Shrew, Ashen-masked	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Shrew, Buena Vista Lake Ornate	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Shrew, Dismal Swamp Short-tailed	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Shrew, Dismal Swamp Southeastern	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Shrew, Kirtland's Short-tailed	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Shrew, Least	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Shrew, Long-tailed	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Shrew, Masked	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Shrew, Northern Short-tailed	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Shrew, Pygmy	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Shrew, Smokey	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Shrew, Southeastern	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Shrew, Southern Short-tailed	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

INVERTEBRATES (Rest)						
Clam						
Asian	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Inland: Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Native Aquatic	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

Crabs						
Mitton, Chinese	No		No		NA	Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Species; Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Native Aquatic	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

Crayfish						
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Big Sandy	No		No		No	US/State Threatened
Cave, Benton	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Hell Creek	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Nashville	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Marbled, etc. (<i>Procambarus</i>)	No		No		NA	Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Species; Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Rusty	No		No		NA	Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Species; Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Shasta	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Yabby, Common etc. (<i>Cherax</i>)	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Native Aquatic	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native Bait - Take & possess 50 all bait; Bans sale; Import - See Ag
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

Mussels						
Bean, Cumberland	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Bean, Purple	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Bean, Rayed	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Blossom, Green	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Combshell, Cumberlandian	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Deertoe	No		No		No	State Endangered
Elephantear	No		No		No	State Endangered
Fanshell	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Floater, Brook	No		No		No	State Endangered
Floater, Green	No		No		No	State Threatened
Heelsplitter, Tennessee	No		No		No	State Endangered
Kidneyshell, Fluted	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Lance, Yellow	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Lilliput, Purple	No		No		No	State Endangered
Monkeyface, Appalachian	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Monkeyface, Cumberland	No		No		No	US/State Endangered

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Mucket, Pink	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Oyster	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Papershell, Fragile	No		No		No	State Threatened
Pearlymussel, Birdwing	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Pearlymussel, Cracking	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Pearlymussel, Dromedary	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Pearlymussel, Littlewing	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Pearlymussel, Slabside	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Pigtoe, Atlantic	No		No		No	State Threatened
Pigtoe, Finerayed	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Pigtoe, Ohio	No		No		No	State Endangered
Pigtoe, Pyramid	No		No		No	State Endangered
Pigtoe, Rough	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Pigtoe, Shiny	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Pimpleback	No		No		No	State Threatened
Pistolgrip	No		No		No	State Threatened
Quagga	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Rabbitsfoot, Rough	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Riffleshell, Tan	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Sandshell, Black	No		No		No	State Threatened
Sheepnose	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Slippershell	No		No		No	State Endangered
Snuffbox	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Spectaclecase	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Spinymussel, James	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Wedgemussel, Dwarf	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Zebra	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Native Freshwater (rest)	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

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Shrimp						
Native Aquatic	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

Snails						
Coil, Rubble	No		No		No	State Endangered
Coil, Shaggy	No		No		No	State Endangered
Elimia, Spider	No		No		No	State Endangered
Ghostsnail, Thankless	No		No		No	State Endangered
Mountain, Virginia Fringed	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Mud, New Zealand	No		No		NA	Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Species; Predatory/Undesirable animal - No
Riversnail, Spiny	No		No		No	State Threatened
Springsnail, Appalachian	No		No		No	State Endangered
Springsnail, Virginia	No		No		No	State Endangered
Supercoil, Brown	No		No		No	State Threatened
Supercoil, Spirit	No		No		No	State Endangered
Native Aquatic (rest)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
Native Land (rest)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Unprotected - Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

Other						
Amphipod, Madison Cave	No		No		No	State Threatened
Earthworm	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Unprotected - Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Isopod, Lee County Cave	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Isopod, Madison Cave	No		No		No	US/State Threatened
Native Terrestrial (Rest)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Unprotected - Unlimited take & possess; Import - See Ag
Native Aquatic (rest)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Nongame - Take & possess 20; Import - See Ag
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

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MARINE MAMMALS (Dolphin, Dugong, Manatee, Porpoise, Sea Lion, Seal, Walrus, Whale)

Manatee, West Indian	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Whale, Blue	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Whale, Finback	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Whale, Humpback	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Whale, North Atlantic Right	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Whale, Sei	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Whale, Sperm	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

MARSUPIALS

Opossum, Virginia	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

MUSTELIDS

Ferret (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt from predatory laws; Import - See Ag
Fisher	No		No		No	Fur-bearing animal - No pets
Mink (domestic >1.15kg or color variants)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Mink, Common	No		No		No	Fur-bearing animal - No pets
Mink, Southwestern	No		No		No	Fur-bearing animal - No pets
Otter, Northern River	No		No		No	Fur-bearing animal - No pets
Weasel, Least	No		No		No	Fur-bearing animal - No pets
Weasel, Long-tailed	No		No		No	Fur-bearing animal - No pets
Unlisted	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets

PRIMATES

US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

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PROCYONIDS

Raccoon, Coastal Marsh	No	No	No	Fur-bearing animal - No pets
Raccoon, Eastern	No	No	No	Fur-bearing animal - No pets
Unlisted	No	No	NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets

RODENTS

Beaver, American	No	No	No	Fur-bearing animal - No pets
Beaver, Carolina	No	No	No	Fur-bearing animal - No pets
Chinchilla, Long-tailed (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Chipmunk, Common Eastern	No	No	No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Chipmunk, Fisher's Eastern	No	No	No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Gerbil, Mongolian (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Guinea Pig	Yes	No	Yes	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Hamster, Georgian	Yes	No	Yes	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Hamster, Golden	Yes	No	Yes	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Hamster, Romanian	Yes	No	Yes	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Hamster, Turkish	Yes	No	Yes	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Kangaroo Rat, Fresno	No	No	NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Kangaroo Rat, Giant	No	No	NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Kangaroo Rat, Morro Bay	No	No	NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Kangaroo Rat, San Bernadino Merriam's	No	No	NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Kangaroo Rat, Stephen's	No	No	NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Kangaroo Rat, Tipton	No	No	NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Lemming, Southern Bog	No	No	No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Lemming, Stone's Southern Bog	No	No	No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Mouse, Alabama Beach	No	No	NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Mouse, Anastasia Island Beach	No	No	NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Mouse, Choctawhatchee Beach	No	No	NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Mouse, Common Golden	No	No	No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess

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Mouse, Common White-footed	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Mouse, Cotton	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Mouse, Deer	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Mouse, Eastern Harvest	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Mouse, House (domestic races)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Mouse, House (wild)	Yes	No*	Yes	Yes	~	Nuisance Species - Possess - No known laws; Import - See Ag
Mouse, Key Largo Cotton	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Mouse, Lewis' Golden	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Mouse, Meadow Jumping	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Mouse, Northern White-footed	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Mouse, Pacific Pocket	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Mouse, Perdido Key Beach	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Mouse, Prairie Deer	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Mouse, Preble's Meadow Jumping	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Mouse, Pungo White-footed	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Mouse, Salt Marsh Harvest	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Mouse, Southeastern Beach	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Mouse, St. Andrew Beach	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Mouse, Woodland Jumping	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Muskrat, Common	No		No		No	Fur-bearing animal - No pets
Muskrat, Large-toothed	No		No		No	Fur-bearing animal - No pets
Nutria	No		No		No	Naturalized - Special Ban
Prairie Dog	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Rat, Black (domestic races)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Rat, Black (wild)	Yes	No*	Yes	No	~	Nuisance Species - Possess - No known laws; Import - See Ag
Rat, Hispid Cotton	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Rat, Marsh Rice	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Rat, Norway (domestic races)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Rat, Norway (wild)	Yes	No*	Yes	No	~	Nuisance Species - Possess - No known laws; Import - See Ag
Rat, Rice	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Squirrel, Carolina Northern Flying	No		No		No	US/State Endangered
Squirrel, Delmarva Peninsula Fox	No		No		No	Game - No known law permitting pets

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Squirrel, Eastern Fox	No		No		No	Game - No known law permitting pets
Squirrel, Gray	No		No		No	Game - No known law permitting pets
Squirrel, Mount Graham Red	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Squirrel, Northern Gray	No		No		No	Game - No known law permitting pets
Squirrel, Northern Idaho Ground	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Squirrel, Red	No		No		No	Game - No known law permitting pets
Squirrel, Southeastern Fox	No		No		No	Game - No known law permitting pets
Squirrel, Southern Flying	No		No		No	Game - No known law permitting pets
Squirrel, Talkative Red	No		No		No	Game - No known law permitting pets
Squirrel, Virginia Northern Flying	No		No		No	Game - No known law permitting pets
Vole, Amargosa	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Vole, Carolina Gapper's Red-backed	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Vole, Coastal Gapper's Red-backed	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Vole, Common Gapper's Red-backed	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Vole, Common Pine	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Vole, Dark Meadow	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Vole, Florida Salt Marsh	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Vole, Hualapai Mexican	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Vole, Meadow	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Vole, Pine	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Vole, Rock	No		No		No	State Endangered
Woodchuck	Yes	No*	Yes	No	~	Nuisance Species - Possess - No known laws; Import - See Ag
Woodrat, Allegheny	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
Woodrat, Key Largo	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Woodrat, Riparian	No		No		No	Protected Nongame - Bans take/possess
African	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

UNGULATES

Artiodactyla

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Bovidae (Wild cattle, goats, sheep)

Cattle (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	Domestic animal - Import: Ag permit
Goat (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Sheep (domestic & wild hybrids)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Zebu	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	Domestic animal - Import: Ag permit
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

Cervid (Deer family)

Deer, Sika	No		No		No	Game - Prohibited as pets
Deer, White-tailed	No		No		No	Game - Prohibited as pets
Elk	No		No		No	Game - Prohibited as pets
Unlisted	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets

Suidae (Wild pigs)

Hog, Feral	Yes	No*	Yes	Yes	~	Nuisance Species - Possess - No known laws; Import - See Ag
Pig, Potbellied	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Swine (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Unlisted	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets

Others

Alpaca	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Camel, Bactrian	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Camel, Dromedary	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
Llama	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: See Ag
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

Perissodactyla

Ass (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: Ag permit if from EIA infected area
Burro	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: Ag permit if from EIA infected area

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Donkey	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: Ag permit if from EIA infected area
Horse (domestic & domestic ass hybrids)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import: Ag permit if from EIA infected area
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

VIVERRIDS

All	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
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XENARTHRA/EDENTATA (Anteater, Armadillo, Sloth)

US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

OTHER MAMMALS

Aardwolf	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Cottontail, Appalachian	No		No		No	Game - No known law permitting pets
Cottontail, Eastern	No		No		No	Game - No known law permitting pets
Cottontail, Mearn's Eastern	No		No		No	Game - No known law permitting pets
Cottontail, Smith's Island	No		No		No	Game - No known law permitting pets
Hare, European	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Hare, Snowshoe	No		No		No	State Endangered
Hyena	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Jackrabbit, Black-tailed						Naturalized
Meerkat	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Mongoose	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Mongoose, Dwarf	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Rabbit, European (ARBA breeds)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic animal - Import - See Ag
Rabbit, European (wild)	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets - grandfather before 7/1/17
Rabbit, Lower Keys Marsh	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Rabbit, Marsh	No		No		No	Game - No known law permitting pets

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Rabbit, Pygmy	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Rabbit, Riparian Brush	No		No		NA	Predatory/Undesirable animal - No pets
Skunk, Eastern Spotted	No		No		No	Fur-bearing animal - No pets
Skunk, Florida Striped	No		No		No	Fur-bearing animal - No pets
Skunk, Eastern Striped	No		No		No	Fur-bearing animal - No pets
US Endangered/Threatened (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Legal if allowed by Federal ESA
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known VDGIF laws; Import - See Ag

SUMMARY: Virginia allows nonnative endangered or threatened species if federal Endangered Species Act allows it. Bans predatory and undesirable animals, nutria, and aquatic nuisance species. Most nongame are protected and banned except certain invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians, and nongame fish. Any native species not specifically listed above as legal to sell generally may NOT be sold in the state.

Sources:

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| 1 Predatory/Undesirable | Code of Virginia § 29.1-542; 4VAC15-30-40 |
| 2 Nonindigenous Aquatic | 4VAC15-20-210 |
| 3 Endangered Species | 29.1 Code of VA Ch. 5, Art. 6; 4VAC15-20-130 |
| 3 Endangered Insects | 3.2 Code of VA Ch. 10; 2VAC5-320-10 |
| 4 Nutria | Code of Virginia § 29.1-545 |
| 5 Reptile Confinement | Code of Virginia § 29.1-569 |

DISCLAIMERS:

* The laws listed above lists whether a species is legal to possess and import according to state laws and then any federally protected species with stricter regulations than the state. Be sure to review all federal laws as some ban certain species as pets or make it legal to possess a species but ban their interstate import in commerce or purchasing across state lines (you can still move with your animals across state lines).

*For states that do allow keeping wild-caught native species as pets, it is usually limited to game birds, game animals, furbearers, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates. Such taking usually requires some type of hunting or fishing license in addition to any required captive wildlife permits. All laws must be followed, including daily bag and possession limits, seasons, size limits and location specific regulations.

* These guides are usually based on state fish & game laws, state agriculture and health import laws, and marine resource laws except when otherwise noted. Check laws for all requirements. Additional state laws may apply, including general animal control and care, livestock, and other health laws.

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* Species lists vary on each state page depending on each state's law. While we try to include as many native vertebrate species as possible, we cannot guarantee that all species are covered above.