Missouri River

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Endangered *vs* Invasive Word Search

Four animals native to the Missouri River are in danger of becoming extinct: the piping plover, least tern, pallid sturgeon, and the scaleshell mussel. Invasive species, plants and animals that came from other parts of the world can be a threat to these endangered species. For example, the terns and plovers need bare sandbars to nest on, but plants like purple loosestrife, tamarisk, and Russian olive grow fast and cover the sand. Zebra Mussels and Asian carp, like the bighead and silver, eat the same tiny animals that the paddlefish and native mussels need. To learn more, explore www.nps.gov/mnrr.

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Invasive	**Threatened** **Endangered**
Silver Carp Bighead Carp Zebra mussel Purple loosestrife Asian milfoil Musk thistle Leafy spurge Russian olive Tamarisk Plumeless thistle	Piping Plover Least tern Pallid Sturgeon Scaleshell mussel