

**Slide 17: Similarity of Appearance**

While candidate species are described as a “qualified species” whose listing is precluded by other proposals, the Endangered Species Act also permits a non-listed species to be treated as endangered or threatened because they resemble listed species.

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Species listed by “similarity of appearance” or 4(e) are those species that are difficult to distinguish from the listed species. The effect of resemblance on the non-listed species is an additional threat to a listed species; and such treatment of unlisted species will substantially facilitate enforcement and further the purposes and policies of the ESA.

Certain prohibitions apply, which are defined in Section 4(d) of the Endangered Species Act, which are issued at the time a listing rule is published.