

## **Reasons for Endangerment**

**Market hunting**—We saw the loss of the passenger pigeon in our country and the loss of the buffalo all in the name of market hunting and greed

**Pet Trade**—the pet trade has created a tremendous demand for exotic animals such as monkeys and parrots.

**Medicinal/cultural**—tusks of Rhinos as dagger handles and aphrodisiacs, and health remedies with Tiger bones.

**Introduction of exotic diseases**—American chestnut blight was accidentally introduced from Europe and wiped out the greatest food source for wildlife in the east.

**Pesticides**—DDT and the birds of prey, the eagle and the Peregrine Falcon

**Genetic Inbreeding**—red wolf and the coyote

**Intrinsic Characteristics**—low reproductive rate, restrictive range, low abundance, large size, conspicuous behavior (Elephant)

**Predator and Pest Control**—killing what competed with man's

interests (wolf)

**Habitat destruction**—greatest reason for species loss rain forest, wetlands, coral reefs, and fragmentation