

Reptiles at Risk

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) in partnership with The Land Between, is conducting field surveys to help improve our understanding of biodiversity in the County of Haliburton. This new knowledge and information will be added to the HHLT's database and will be used to support conservation planning for the County of Haliburton. The data will also be submitted to the MNR/ Natural Heritage Information Centre and Environment Canada to support conservation planning at the provincial and federal level.



If you would like to help document the rich ecological diversity in the County of Haliburton, you can do that by emailing information to **Paul Heaven** at pheaven@glenside-eco.ca or by calling him at **286-3181**. We are interested in sightings of Reptiles at Risk, specifically 1) Milksnake; 2) Eastern Hog-nosed Snake; 3) Eastern Ribbonsnake; 4) Five-lined Skink; 5) Wood Turtle; 6) Spotted Turtle; 7) Stinkpot; 8) Blanding's Turtle; and 9) Snapping Turtle.

These species are hard to find so we want to hear about *all* sightings, dead or alive. Please make careful note of your location (GPS, roads etc.) and take a photograph (No camera? Use your cell phone!).

We are particularly interested in linking turtles to wetlands, so if you have a wetland on your property and know there is a rare turtle in that wetland, please contact Paul and arrange for a site visit. Only with your cooperation can we identify wetlands that are important to Reptiles at Risk.

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to hearing from you!

Act today so they have tomorrow!



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