

News and Comment

Point Pelee Natural History News 3(4)

The Winter 2003 issue, volume 3, number 4, pages 53-68, contains: Point Pelee: Its Evolution and Structure (Alan S. Trenhaile) — Noteworthy Bird Records: September to November 2003 (Alan Wormington) — More Cave Swallows: The Fall of 2003 (Alan Wormington) — Point Pelee Christmas Bird Count: December 15, 2003 (Sarah E. Rupert) — Fox Squirrels at Point Pelee: 1977, 1990 and 1997 (Alan Wormington) — In the Field (Ross's Gull: Second Record for Point Pelee; "Harlan's" Red-tailed Hawk: New to Point Pelee).

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tants were Gordon D. Harvey and Michelle T. Nicholson; web site www.wincom.net/~fopp/Natural_History_News.htm. This is the last issue as the Board of Directors of the publisher, The Friends of Point Pelee, has decided to terminate the publication due mainly to the lack of material being submitted. All past issues are available in the Nature Nook Book Store in Point Pelee National Park's Visitor Centre or by mail from the Friends of Point Pelee, 1118 Point Pelee Drive, Leamington, Ontario N8H 3V4 Canada; phone 519-326-6173; e-mail: fopp@wincom.net.

COSEWIC Assessment Results November 2003

This update on Canadian Species at Risk issued by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) is 44 pages and contains: About COSEWIC, (mandate, membership, definitions) — Summary Tables [COSEWIC species designated in five "risk" categories and in Not at Risk, and Data Deficient categories (Tables 1-3)] — Results of November 2003 COSEWIC meeting (Tables 4-5) — COSEWIC Assessment Results — Explanation of symbols — Species examined in five "risk" categories (Table 6), Not at Risk (Table 7), and Data Deficient (Table 8) — Record

of Status Re-examinations — Record of Name Changes. Listed are 12 extinct, 21 extirpated, 160 endangered, 108 threatened, and 140 of special concern. Of the 441 forms in these categories, 65 are mammals, 58 birds, 31 reptiles, 19 amphibians, 78 fishes, 16 arthropods, 19 molluscs, 140 vascular plants, 9 mosses, and 6 lichens. In addition, 32 forms have been considered and found not at risk, and 29 to be data deficient.

This publication is available from COSEWIC Secretariat, Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H3. See Web site: <http://www.cosewic.gc.ca>.

Froglog: Newsletter of the Declining Amphibian Populations Task Force (61)

Number 60, February 2004. Contents: A Workshop on the Amphibians of Madagascar at Giand (Franco Andreone) — Amphibian Colonization of Mitigation Wetlands in Nebraska (Mark M. Peyton) — Annual Meeting Report from Canada (David Galbraith) — A Study of the Plethodontid Salamander Populations at Raccoon Creek State Park, Pennsylvania (Jennifer D. Haney and Mary S. Kostalos) — Reports on DAPTF Seed Grants — Froglog Shorts — New Book on Amphibian Declines (*Amphibian Declines: An Integrated Analysis of Multiple Stressor Effects*, 2003. SETAC Press, Pensacola, Florida: <http://www.setac.org/pubs.html>).

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The Boreal Dip Net/L'Épauvette Boreal: Newsletter of the Canadian Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Network – Réseau Canadien de Conservation des Amphibiens et des Reptiles 8(1) January 2004

Contents: Editor's Note: thanks to sponsors TD Bank Financial Group, TD Friends of the Environment, The Pelee Island Winery, Parks Canada [Kerrie Serben] — A note about our acronym [David Galbraith] — CARCNET/RECCAR 2003: The Pelee Island Experience [David Galbraith] — Summary of Species at Risk Proceedings from the 8th Annual Meeting of CARCNET/RECCAR and the 3rd Annual Pelee Island Winery Endangered Species Festival (ESF) [Kim Barrett and Ben Porchuk] — The Lake Erie Watersnake: A 23-year Perspective on Microevolution, Population Status, and Recovery Planning [Richard B. King] — Loving Nature

to Death [Ron Brooks] — Another Leap into Learning [Sara L. Ashpole] — Books to Get: Turtles [Anita Baskin-Salzberg and Allen Salzberg]; A guide to creating vernal ponds — Endangered Northern Leopard Frog Reintroduced into East Kootenay After 20 Year Disappearance — Frogs and Toads of Canada CD — Current CARCNET/RECCAR Board of Directors — New Species of Salamander Found in Revelstoke [Larry Halverson] — Paper on Traffic Mortality and Turtles [reviewed by David Seburn] — Coming soon... CARCNET 2004 September 24-27 Edmonton — Membership in CARCNET/RECCAR.

For information on membership in the Canadian Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Society/Reseau Canadien de Conservation des Amphibiens et des Reptiles (\$10 students, \$16 non-students) contact Bruce Pauli, Canadian Wildlife Service,

National Wildlife Research Centre, Carleton University, Raven Road, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H3. Web site: <http://www.carc.net.ca/>

Annotated List of the Arctic Marine Fishes of Canada

In 2004 Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Central and Arctic Region, Winnipeg, Manitoba, printed a limited number of copies of the *Annotated List of the Arctic Marine Fishes of Canada* by B. W. Coad and J. D. Reist as Canadian Manuscript Report of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences 2674, iv + 112 pages. A primary list covers the 189 species representing 115 genera in 48 families of marine and anadromous fishes in Canadian Arctic and marine waters. Given under scientific name, authority, and description date, are the Common Name, Provinces/Territories of occurrence, Ecozone, Distribution (ocean and extralimital), Numbers, Size (maximum), and Biology (depth, food, commercial importance). An extralimital list gives 83 species occurring in adjacent areas that might eventually be recorded in Canadian Arctic waters annotated as eastern (eastern Davis Strait, southwest Greenland) and western (western Beaufort Sea of Alaska from Point Barrow

eastwards). A brackish water list gives 36 species whose life is usually spent entirely in fresh waters but which may enter estuaries and seashore pools in the Canadian Arctic. There are 3 tables (species by province and territory, by ecozones, and by distribution (Alaska, Atlantic, Eurasia)); 2 maps (Canadian Arctic waters and ecozones with this area); and two appendices: one giving an alphabetical listing of scientific names of families with common names in English, French, Inuktitut and Inuvialuktun and one giving an alphabetical listing of species by scientific name with notation of new to Arctic, new to Canada, and page number in text.

Copies of this report are available from Fisheries and Oceans Canada Central and Arctic Region, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N6 Canada: e-mail reistj@dfo-mpo.gc.ca [Catalogue number Fs 97-4/26/2674E, ISSN 0706-6473].

Marine Turtle Newsletter (103)

January 2004. 32 pages: ARTICLES: Behavior of Green Sea Turtles in the Presence and Absence of Recreational Snorkellers — Turtle Strandings in the Southern Eritrean Red Sea — First Confirmed Occurrence of Loggerhead Turtles in Peru — A Harness for Attachment of Satellite Transmitters on Flatback Turtles — NOTES: Nesting of the Hawksbill Turtle in Shidvar Island, Hormozgan Province, Iran — MEETING REPORTS — OBITUARIES (Henry H. Hildebrand 1922-2003; C. Robert Shoop 1935-2003) — ANNOUNCEMENTS — NEWS & LEGAL BRIEFS — RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

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Contents of this 20 page issue: FEATURE ARTICLES: Decade of Achievement (NHIC 10th anniversary celebrated 9 December 2003) — A Decade of Ontario Botanical Discoveries; 2003 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: NHIC Staff Participate in James Bay Coastal Vegetation Study — Notes on the Vegetation and Flora of Flooding River Shores — A Profile of Natural Areas Recently Added to the Natural Areas Database; 2003 PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS: NHIC Conducts Turtle Surveys — NHIC Coordinates Odonata and Reptile Surveys — Update on the Great Lakes Conservation Blueprint Projects — Identifying Key Natural Areas and Linkages in Southern Ontario — NHIC's Southern Region Element Occurrence Prioritization Project; NEWS AND NOTES: Species at Risk: A

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