

# News and Comment

## Point Pelee Natural History News 3(3)

The fall 2003 issue, volume 3, number 3, pages 37-52, contains: Point Pelee Memories: 1956-1999 (William A. Martin) — Noteworthy Bird Records: June to August 2003 (Alan Wormington) — Point Pelee Butterfly Count: August 9, 2003 (Sarah E. Rupert) — Record-late Warblers at Point Pelee: Spring 2003 — In the Field [Lake Chubsucker: still present in Pelee Marsh; Bullfrog: still present in Pelee Marsh; More Black Witches at Point Pelee: Summer 2003; Eurasian Tree Sparrow: Second Record for Point Pelee; Record-late Carolina Wren nest for Point Pelee] — News and Announcements: W. E. Saunders Birding Odyssey: Sep-

tember 6, 2003; New Publication on Pelee Island; OFO Annual Meeting (2003) held at Leamington — Upcoming Events and Outings.

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## Froglog: Newsletter of the Declining Amphibian Populations Task Force (59,60)

Number 59, October 2003. Contents: DAPTF Seed Grants 2004 — It's Not Carnival for the Harlequin Mantella! Urgent Actions Needed to Conserve *Mantella cowani*, an Endangered Frog from the High Plateau of Madagascar (F. Andreone and J. E. Randrianirina) — Amphibian Biodiversity Recovery in a Large-scale Ecosystem Restoration (Bob Brodman) — Amphibian Mortality by Road-Kill in a National Park (John Serrao) — Amphibians in Argentinean Soybean Croplands: Implications for Biological Control (R. Lajmanovich, P. Peltzer, A. Attademo, & W. Cejas) — Reports on DAPTF Seed Grants — Froglog Shorts.

Number 60, December 2003. Contents: Populations of Two Species of Forest Frogs, Genus *Platymantis*, are Diminishing on Negros Island, the Philippines (C. N. Dolino, E. L. Alcala, and A. C. Alcala, DAPTF WG Chair, Philippines) — Action Plan for Sustainable Exploitation of *Rana ridibunda* stocks from the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve (Romania) (Zsolt Torok) — Report of a Breeding Aggregation Extirpation of an Endemic Marsupial Frog, *Gastrotheca cristiani*, in Argentina

(Marcos Vaira) — Non-finding of the Kenyan Endemic Frog *Arthroleptides dutoiti* (Stefan Lotters, Damaris Rotich, and Michael Veith) — Reports of DAPTF Seed Grants — DAPTF Rapid Response Fund — Book Offer for DAPTF Members — Froglog Shorts.

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## Amphibian Voice Summer 2003

Volume 13, number 2, contains — Citizens Saving Turtles: Turtle S.H.E.L.L. Tortue: Helping turtles across the road (Bill Bower) — Lily pads & cattails: Adopt-a-pond updates (Sara Ingwersen) — Kawartha turtle trauma centre: 2003 update (Kristy Hiltz) — Ribbet's Review (Alison Ronson) — Setting up turtle crossing signs in your community: A step by step guide from the members of the community environment network in Bancroft (Daniel Boileau) — Call'um of the wild: Rescuing turtles in war-torn Bosnia (Wes von Papi-neau) — Life as a 'turtler' at Algonquin Park's wildlife research station (Sara Boivin-Chabot, Jenny Kellar and Phung Tran) — A turtle-rific quiz.

*Amphibian Voice* is distributed to schools and communities participating in the Adopt-A-Pond programme. The newsletter's purpose is to provide information of amphibian, turtle, and wetland conservation issues and efforts in Ontario. It is edited by Sara Ingwersen and Bob Johnson. Adopt-A-Pond is a non-profit wetland education program supported by grants and private donations. Cheques for the latter should be made payable to "Toronto Zoo" and sent to Adopt-A-Pond, Toronto Zoo, 361A Old Finch Avenue, Scarborough, Ontario M1B 5K7; Fax (416) 392-4979; [aap@torontozoo.ca](mailto:aap@torontozoo.ca).

## Marine Turtle Newsletter (102)

October 2003. 32 pages: EDITORIAL: Changes at the MTN — ARTICLES: satellite tracking of the post-nesting migration of a Green Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) from Hong Kong — First report of an association between *Planes cyaneus* (Decapoda: Grapsidae) and the Loggerhead Sea Turtles in the south-western Atlantic Ocean — Hawksbill Turtles in seagrass beds — Loggerhead nesting effort and conservation initiatives at monitored beaches of Greece during 2002 — NOTES: Loggerhead Sea Turtle tagged in Brazil caught by a trawler in waters of the common Argentinian-Uruguayan fishing area — MEETING REPORTS — BOOK REVIEWS — ANNOUNCE-

MENTS — NEWS & LEGAL BRIEFS — RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

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## Recovery Strategy for Bowhead Whales in Canadian Eastern Arctic

In 1980 the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) listed the population of Bowhead Whales (*Balaena mysticetus*) in the Canadian Eastern Arctic as Endangered. For the past several years, the Department of Fisheries & Oceans has worked in collaboration with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and the World Wildlife Fund to develop a Conservation Strategy aimed at promoting the recovery of this population of whales. The Strategy is now posted in English, French and Inuktitut on Environment Canada's Species At Risk web

site and a PDF file version can be ordered from there: [www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca/publications/plans/default\\_c.cfm](http://www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca/publications/plans/default_c.cfm)

Bound hardcopy and CD versions of the Conservation Strategy will be available. Paper copies will be printed in English/Inuktitut and English/French; the CD will contain English, French, and Inuktitut versions. Can be ordered by mail from Holly Cleator, Marine Mammal Species At Risk Biologist, Arctic Research Division, Freshwater Institute, 501 University Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N6 Canada; or e-mail [fwisar@dfompo.gc.ca](mailto:fwisar@dfompo.gc.ca).

## National Recovery Strategy for Species at Risk in the Sydenham River: An Ecosystem Approach

This is National Recovery Plan Number 25, dated 23 October 2003, 72 pages. It was prepared by A. J. Dextrase, S. K. Staton, and J. L. Metcalfe-Smith on behalf of the Sydenham River Ecosystem Recovery Team. The two main branches of the Sydenham River drain into Lake St. Clair through the Carolinian Zone in southwestern Ontario. They support at least 34 species of mussels and 80 species of fish. Five of the mussels, eight of the fishes and one turtle have been listed nationally by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC). Summaries are given for all 14 of these species, some of which are found nowhere else in Canada. The Sydenham watershed is of judged to be of global significance to their conservation. Other sections discuss recovery goal, short-term objectives, overall strategies/

approaches to recovery (management, stewardship, research, monitoring, community awareness and outreach, recovery and survival habitat, actions already completed or under way, knowledge gaps, links to existing management plans, recovery action groups and plans, potential impacts of recovery strategy on other species/ecological processes, and evaluation.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Recovery Team Chair, was Alan Dextrase, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, 300 Water Street, Peterborough, Ontario K9J 0M5 Canada. Copies of this report are available from Recovery Secretariat c/o Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H3 Canada. E-mail [RENEW@ec.gc.ca](mailto:RENEW@ec.gc.ca). See also Recovery web site: [www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca/recovery/default\\_e.cfm](http://www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca/recovery/default_e.cfm).

## Recovery: An Endangered Species Newsletter (25)

The October 2003 issue contains: RECOVERY HIGHLIGHTS: SARA [Species At Risk Act] Proclaimed [5 June 2003] — Marmots released [two pairs of captive-raised Vancouver Island Marmots, *Marmota vancouverensis*, released near Nanaimo] — Record season for Whooping Cranes [*Grus americana*: 61 breeding pairs at Wood Buffalo National Park in 2003] — SPECIAL REPORT: The Species at Risk Act — How it works [Simon Nadeau]; Prohibitions under SARA — NEWS BITES: Reintroducing [Leopard] frogs [*Rana pipiens*] in Alberta [Kris Kendell] — Introducing [Leopard] frogs in B. C. — HSP [Habitat Stewardship Program] update — ESRF [Endangered Species Recovery Fund] update — COSEWIC [Committee on the Status of Endangered

Wildlife in Canada] — FIELD NOTES: Two recovery approaches for the Roseate Tern [*Sterna dougallii*] [Andrew Boyne] — New [species considered at risk] list created in Quebec [Pierre Laporte] — ANNOUNCEMENTS: Awards — Upcoming events — Site Seeing — FEATURED SPECIES: Tracking the Eastern Wolf [*Canis lupus lycaon*] [Melanie Bernier].

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"This is the final issue of *Recovery*. The Canadian Wildlife Service will continue to offer information on recovery activities in other formats."