



The Drift Fence

Canadian Herpetological Society blog

Instructions for Contributors

The purpose of the CHS blog – *The Drift Fence* – is to facilitate information sharing and learning about Canadian herpetology and other topics of interest to the Canadian herpetological community.

If you are interested in contributing to *The Drift Fence*, please review the following guidelines and submit blogs to info@canadianherpetology.ca in MS Word format with all images submitted as separate jpeg files.

- Submissions should be related to herpetology, with a focus on Canadian species and projects when possible. However, herpetology-focused travelogues and summaries or stories about work being carried out abroad are also welcome. Example topics include:
 - Interesting observations or stories from the field
 - Summary of current research, conservation projects or events
 - Instructional information (“how to...”)
 - Opinions/perspectives on current issues relevant to Canadian herpetology
 - Natural history information about Canadian herpetofauna
 - Herpetology-focused travelogues
- Content should be appropriate for a public audience (grade 8 education); use simple language, avoid the use of jargon, and define scientific or technical terms.
- The tone and writing style should lean toward creative/conversational rather than technical; content should be concise, interesting, and impactful to hold the audience’s attention.
- Try not to exceed 1,000 words; consider breaking longer blogs into multiple shorter blogs.
- Include lots of photographs or other visuals, when possible. Include photo credit.
- Video blogs are also welcome, provided they are of suitable audio/video quality.

The CHS has set aside an annual budget to support original blog contributions. An honorarium of \$75 will be provided for blog submissions upon publication, pending funding availability and approval by the CHS Website and Publication Committee. Members of the CHS Website and Publications Committee review blog submissions and may request edits to your submission prior to acceptance for publication. The CHS, specifically the CHS Website and Publication Committee, has full discretion in accepting contributions and paying honoraria. Please contact us at info@canadianherpetology.ca if you have questions about blog content and honorarium eligibility. Blog submissions will be reviewed and posted as they are received. An honorarium will typically be paid within one month of your submission being published.