



# 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](mailto: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.
- Video blogs are also welcome, provided they are of suitable audio/video quality.