

Looking for Landowners

Request to survey for Blanding's Turtles on private land

The Blanding's Turtle is a threatened species in Ontario. Identifying additional wetlands with this species can result in habitat protection for wetlands up to 2 km away. To help find new locations, the Canadian Wildlife Federation will be surveying for Blanding's Turtles this May and June.

If you are a landowner in eastern Ontario and have wetlands on your land would you be interested in letting us survey for Blanding's Turtles? Ideally we are looking for areas with extensive wetlands such as cattail marshes or treed swamps. We would conduct a one day survey at a time that is convenient for you. Our turtle team of two to four people would survey in and around wetlands looking for Blanding's Turtles.

If you are interested or have more questions please contact David Seburn at the email address below. Please provide the street address of your land as well as a description of the location (e.g. 1 km east of the 6th Concession on Rocky Road, north of Perth) and the approximate size of the property. We will check to see if there are previous Blanding's Turtle records near your land. If your property would represent a new location we will be in touch to arrange a survey date. As a thank you to all participating landowners, we will provide a list of all species of animals observed during the survey to each landowner.



The location of any Blanding's Turtle observed will be reported to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. This will result in habitat protection being applied to the wetland in question and other nearby wetlands. Such habitat protection would not affect any day to day use of the land but would protect the wetland.

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