

Checklist to the Amphibians and Reptiles of Presqu'ile Provincial Park

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Abundance Notes:

- 1) These codes refer to species in their proper habitat and during their peak season in an average year.
- 2) Because of the secretive nature of some amphibians and reptiles, many otherwise common species are difficult to locate. As a result, these abundance codes reflect the chances of encountering a species, as opposed to how common it may actually be.

A=Abundant: Easy to find and in large numbers (e.g. Spring Peeper in early spring).

C=Common: Fairly easy to find, but not in large numbers (e.g. Bullfrog in spring and summer).

U=Uncommon: May require a concentrated effort to find (e.g. Blanding's Turtle in spring and summer).

R=Rare: Usually seen each year, but in low numbers (e.g. Stinkpot Turtle in spring and summer).

V=Vagrant: Many years may pass between sightings, but likely to be located again (e.g. Eastern Ribbon Snake).

Amphibians

Mudpuppies

- Mudpuppy- U

Newts

- Eastern Newt- U

Mole Salamanders

- Blue-spotted Salamander- C
- Yellow-spotted Salamander- U

Lungless Salamanders

- Eastern Red-backed Salamander- C
- "Lead-backed Salamander"*- R

Toads

- American Toad- C

Treefrogs

- Spring Peeper- A
- Tetraploid Gray Treefrog- C
- Striped Chorus Frog- A

Pond Frogs

- Wood Frog- C
- Northern Leopard Frog- A
- Green Frog- C

- Bullfrog- C
- Mink Frog- R-U

Reptiles

Snapping Turtles

- Common Snapping Turtle- C

Mud Turtles

- Stinkpot Turtle- R

Pond Turtles**

- Painted Turtle- C
- Map Turtle- V
- Blanding's Turtle- U

Colubrid Snakes

- Common Garter Snake- C
- Eastern Ribbon Snake- V
- Northern Water Snake- V
- Red-bellied Snake- U
- Brown Snake- U
- Eastern Milk Snake- U

Additional Species:

- _____
- _____

Amphibians: 14

Reptiles: 11

Addendum:

*=This is a colour morph of the Eastern Red-backed Salamander and is, thus, not included in the species total.

**=The Red-eared Slider is one of the most commonly domesticated species of pond turtle. Though not native to the area, escaped or released sliders could be encountered.

Note: The submission of sightings is appreciated and encouraged by park staff. Particularly, if you encounter an unlisted or rare species, please document the sighting and submit your record to the Nature Centre or Main Office. Digital pictures can be very helpful, but may not be diagnostic.

