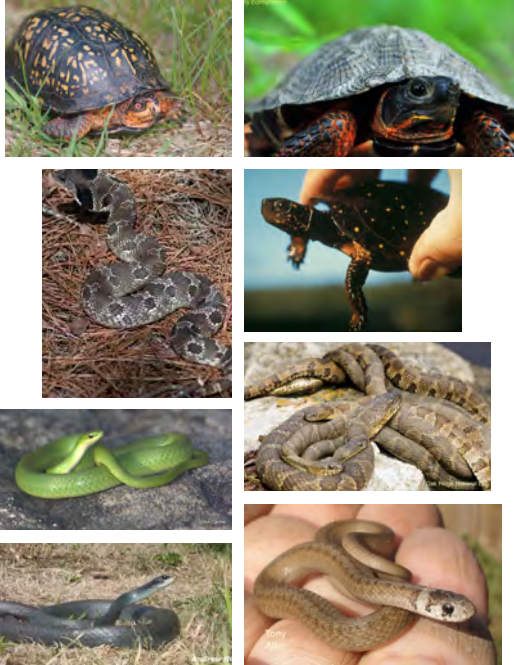


# Have You Seen these Reptiles in Guilford?



## Be on the lookout!

The Guilford Conservation Commission is gathering reports of these rare reptiles in our town.

If you see any of them, please let us know.

*(Learn how to report your sightings on the reverse side.)*



## Wood Turtle

- Rough shell with concentric rings on each plate
- Lives near streams, but wanders up to 1,000 feet from water
- Black head
- Yellow, orange, or red on base of neck and legs
- No stripes of any kind

## Eastern Box Turtle

- Highly domed shell
- Hinged lower shell closes like a box
- Terrestrial

## Spotted Turtle

- Small (approximately 4 inches long)
- Black shell with bright yellow spots
- Found where there are both wetlands and woods

## Smooth Greensnake

- Solid green
- Small, slender, seldom exceeding two feet
- Lives in fields and meadows

## DeKay's Brownsnake

- Brown with rows of dark spots on back
- Belly is dull beige
- Small and slender, usually less than 2 feet long



## Eastern Racer

- Solid black
- Up to six feet long
- White chin, solid gray belly
- Looks like a Milksnake when young (white with reddish brown markings)
- Found in open fields and rocky ledges
- Smooth scales



## Northern Watersnake

- Up to 4 feet long and as thick around as a man's wrist
- Bright red and white pattern when young, fades to black with age
- Lives in or very near water
- Keeled scales (rough feeling)



## Eastern Hog-nosed Snake

- Adults are 20-33 inches long
- Thick-bodied in proportion to length
- Uprturned snout
- Body color is variable:
  - Orange to brown with dark irregular blotches
  - Olive-green or black on the back
- Underside of chin is white
- Belly is cream to tawny tan color
- Scales keeled (rough feeling)
- When threatened, flattens head and ribs to look like cobra
- Feigns death
- Found in dry areas with sandy soils, along the edges of swamps, bogs, and marshes, and in meadows and grasses along rivers, beaches, and railroad tracks

## Report Your Observations Here

*(Note: Don't disturb any reptile more than is necessary. If you handle your reptile, do so gently. Once you have identified it, return it to exactly where you found it.)*

### What reptile did you find?

**Where did you find it?** (Give the closest property address and a description of the location.)

### Can you tell us more about the reptile?

(Describe these field markings -- size, pattern marks, colors, and shape.)

### Did you take photographs of your reptile?

### Can we contact you for more information?

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach and mail or drop off this report to:

**Guilford Conservation Commission**

Guilford Town Office

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Guilford VT 05301

Or email the information and any photographs you took to Linda Hecker at: [lrhecker47@gmail.com](mailto:lrhecker47@gmail.com)