

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NON-PEER REVIEW SECTION

Registration is now open at www.separc.org.

Southeastern Working Group of Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation 2007 Annual Meeting

Closing Ranks:

Aligning SE PARC to Meet the Next Generation of Conservation Issues

February 22-25, 2007

Tennessee Aquarium

Chattanooga, TN

Meeting Goals

Inspired by the national PARC strategic alignment workshop in August 2006, we will tightly focus our energies in 2007 on a small number of key issues with the goal of developing powerful strategies, tools, and products to address these issues. Our structure for the coming year(s) will be aligned to aggressively address these issues. While we are not doing away with our traditional technical working groups, our organization will be more flexible, with multi-disciplinary "Task Teams" being formed (and disbanded) as needed to address current and future conservation challenges.

Three issues have already been chosen by the ad hoc regional steering committee and a fourth will be nominated by members:

Eco-friendly development (emphasis on roads)

Invasive species (emphasis on fire ants)

State Wildlife Action Plans (emphasis on an annual review of herp-related implementation)

One member-selected issue (nominations to be taken as part of online registration)

Who should Attend?

Everyone! [Patterned after Partners in Flight](#), PARC participants include thousands of representatives from conservation-related state and federal agencies, NGOs, academic institutions, resource management corporations, zoos and aquaria, professional herpetoculturists, and the general public. Visit <http://www.separc.org/2006/2006Attendance.htm> and http://www.separc.org/2005/meeting_info.htm#reg for partial lists of recent attendees in the Southeast (other regions are strong and growing as well!)

The Next Generation: An Emphasis on Students

This year's meeting will spotlight the next generation of herp conservationists and will kick off with a Student Poster Session Thursday Evening, February 22. All the moderators for our sessions will be students and, where possible, student speakers will be favored over gainfully employed adults. Funds permitting, a few student travel scholarships will be awarded by random drawing to help offset the costs of attending the meeting. So if you or someone you know is a student, teacher, professor, etc., encourage them to attend.

Lodging:

We have a block of rooms reserved at The Clarion in downtown Chattanooga. The rate is \$65/night plus \$7/night for parking. The Clarion is within easy walking distance of the Tennessee Aquarium. For reservations, contact:

Clarion Hotel

407 Chestnut St.

Chattanooga, TN, US, 37402

Phone: (423) 756-5150 Fax: (423) 265-8708

Remember to ask for the PARC rate!

Call for Papers

Papers on all topics are welcome, but those relating to the following topics are especially needed:

Eco-friendly development (emphasis on roads)

Invasive species (emphasis on fire ants)

State Wildlife Action Plans (emphasis on an annual review of herp-related implementation)

Student presenters are especially welcome.

Call for Student Posters

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How to Submit:

Email your abstract and bio to me at this address. The deadline for submissions is January 12.

Field Trips

In Tennessee, the month of February is still too cool for most herps; however, it is still pretty good for most early breeding salamanders and frogs.

- **Tennessee River Gorge & Prentice Cooper State Forest:** Over 26,000 acres of Eastern Deciduous Forest and bisected by the Tennessee River it has exposed bluffs and rock face with smaller streams found throughout the area. This area has yielded a number of *Crotalus horridus* and *Agkistrodon contortrix* along with a number of upland salamanders. This area also has the potential for *Aneides aeneus*. (Leader TBA)
- **UTC Field Stations:**
 - **VAAP- Enterprise South:** 6,300 acres of which UTC has access to; 280 acres of hardwood-successional forest and a 10 acre wetland that exists on the property. The wetlands has been most productive from late January to early April and has yielded the following amphibians -*Amystoma tigrinum*, *A. maculatum*, *A. opacum*, *P. glutinosus*, *P. cinereus*, *P. dorsalis*, *Pseudacris triseriata feriarum*, and *P. crucifer*. (Leader TBA)
 - **Wildlife Hospital-Route 41 Facility** is ~900 of Eastern Deciduous Forest and Rock Talus. This area has yielded a number of different species including *Crotalus horridus*, *Agkistrodon contortrix*, *Elaphe obsoleta*, *Lampropeltis getula*, *Bufo americanus*, *Hyla versicolor (complex)* *A. maculatum*, *A. opacum*, *P. glutinosus*, *P. cinereus*, *P. dorsalis*, *Pseudacris triseriata feriarum*, *P. crucifer*, *Desmognathus fuscus*, *D. ochrophaeus*, *D. monticola*, *Pseudotriton ruber*, *Gyrinophilus porphyriticus*, *Eurycea longicauda*, and *E. lucifuga*. This area also has the potential for *Aneides aeneus*. (Leader TBA)
 - **Cash Canyon** is an 80 acres site that is nestled in the area of Elder and Raccoon Mountain and lies directly across the river from TRG Pot Point Education Facility and Prentice Cooper State Forest. This site has access to the Tennessee River as upland forest and rocky seeps. This area has yielded a number of different species including *Crotalus horridus*, *Agkistrodon contortrix*, *Elaphe obsoleta*, *Bufo Americanus*, *Hyla versicolor (complex)* *A. maculatum*, *A. opacum*, *P. glutinosus*, *P. cinereus*, *P. dorsalis*, *Pseudacris triseriata feriarum*, *P. crucifer*, *Desmognathus fuscus*, *D. ochrophaeus*, *D. monticola*, and *E. lucifuga*. This area also has the potential for *Aneides aeneus*. (Leader TBA)

Details Updated Frequently

Registration is now open and closes February 9. Check www.separc.org often as logistics and agenda details are updated.

Thanks, please forward liberally!

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Southeast U.S. Habitat Management Guidelines now available!

PARC has just completed production of the new [Southeast Habitat Management Guidelines](#) which are now available in hard copy from the publisher.

These guidelines are not regulations, nor are they in any way an attempt to limit landowners' rights. They should simply be regarded as recommendations for landowners and managers to consider the needs of amphibians and reptiles in the course of their management activities. The HMGs are directed towards resource managers and private landowners who have a desire to help protect amphibians and reptiles. If many landowners and land managers each implement some of these guidelines, then the cumulative effect can only be a positive one.

These guidelines:

- use the best science available
- are easily understood by and practical for land managers and private landowners
- present measures to help maximize compatibility with existing management objectives, or to optimize management actions specifically for herpetofauna
- provide guidance on the management and restoration of habitats such that amphibians, reptiles, and many other wildlife species may benefit

We have not created a guidebook that describes the needs of every species of amphibian and reptile. Instead, we provide regionally-specific guidelines for managing habitats with the goals of keeping common species common, stemming the decline of imperiled species, and reduce the likelihood of species becoming listed as threatened or endangered.

Availability

Currently, the first edition of the Midwest guide and the new edition of the Southeast guide are available. See below for details on how to obtain these and other regional guides; new information will be posted as it becomes available.

- **Southeast:** **New!** The Southeast regional guide is now available for order.

To request hard copies of this publication, at a \$10 donation/copy, contact: [High Cotton](#).

- **Northeast:** The Northeast regional guide is near completion and will be available for order by July 2006.
- **Midwest:** The second edition of the Midwest guide is in progress and may be available as early as December 2006. [Click here to download the first edition.](#)
- **Northwest:** The Northwest regional guide has been drafted and will be available in 2007.
- **Southwest:** The Southwest regional guide has been drafted and will be available in 2007.

To order hard copies of the regional habitat management guidelines, contact:

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Bull, E.L. 2006. Sexual differences in the ecology and habitat selection of Western Toads (*Bufo boreas*) in Northeastern Oregon. *Herpetological Conservation and Biology* 1(1):27-38.

The running header on even-numbered pages should read “Western Toad Ecology and Habitat Selection” not “Boreal Toad Ecology and Habitat Selection.” We apologize for any problems that may arise from this editorial mishap.