



# Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

Please submit field forms, a copy of a USGS map, and all supporting documentation to:

**Data Manager**

**Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program**

**Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife**

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## Rare Animal Observation Form

Species name (scientific or common): \_\_\_\_\_

Date and time of observation: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of time spent surveying area: \_\_\_\_\_

### Location Information

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Waterbody: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a photocopy of the appropriate section of a USGS topo map** (or similar map if a topo map is unavailable). **Please carefully mark the site where you observed this rare species.** Topo Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how to get to the site of the observation using obvious permanent landmarks such as a road intersection (measuring to at least the nearest 1/10 mile): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Population Information

Number, age and sex of animals observed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Evidence (if any) of breeding activity at this site (e.g. eggs, nests, carrying food to young, copulation): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Behavioral notes (e.g. crossing road, basking): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you observed this species at this site in previous years? If yes, please give details: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

### Species Identification

Description of the specific characteristics upon which the ID was based (including how age and sex were determined): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Photographs or slides taken (Y / N)? If yes, please submit a clear photograph or slide of the animal. Please label the back of the photograph with the date it was taken, the location, and your signature.

Specimen taken (Y / N)? If yes, where will the specimen be deposited? \_\_\_\_\_

**Site Information**

Description of habitat at site where the species was observed. List dominant vegetation, size of habitat, and information on the physical environment such as substrate type, hydrology, moisture regime, slope, and aspect. If possible, provide information on the surrounding land use: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Associated species: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Alteration of ecological processes (e.g. damming, logging, rip-rapping of stream)? If yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Observed or potential threats to the species or its habitat at this site (e.g. land clearing, development project)? If yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Landowner's name and address, if known: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Observer Information**

Observer: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Affiliation/Qualifications: \_\_\_\_\_

Form filled out by: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
above) Affiliation/Qualifications: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly explain your previous field experience with this species: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List names and qualifications of other observers (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Certification**

I hereby certify under pains and penalties of perjury that the information contained in this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for contributing to the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program database. Your efforts are valuable and appreciated.