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This guide was created for folks in Nova Scotia, like Harold and Diane Clapp, who wanted to learn more about the rare and fascinating species that live on the land around them and inspired the creation of this guide. Thank you Harold and Diane for your dedicated contributions towards species at risk recovery!



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How this field guide came to be

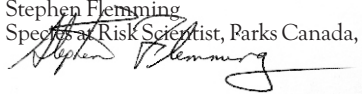
At our first volunteer appreciation night, a steward approached me with an idea. He thought something that could really help people interested in nature would be a field guide that not only provided a comprehensive list of all the species at risk in the province but also a little information about them. His main point was that he would be more comfortable informing authorities about a possible sighting if he had some certainty that he had accurately identified it. This immediately made me reflect on my high school days when the most empowering thing I received was a Peterson Field Guide to the Birds. I started to identify things, I started to feel some sense of ownership, I started to recognize that maybe I could contribute. It was a field guide. But it was empowerment.

This guide is a tool for stewardship. It is an opportunity for you to learn more about the species that help make Nova Scotia the very special place it is. I encourage you to look carefully around home and during your travels throughout the province. The very first step in conservation is knowing where the species are. For my part, I am continually humbled by how little we know, despite great efforts to understand. Your contribution could be very significant, and I think it is only fitting that the very people who suggested the field guide in the first place also located a new population of Blanding's Turtles in the Tobetic.

Stewardship is an ownership of responsibility, a sense of advocacy, for nature. By all means, feel free to share the information in this guide, and the learning that you have made along the way, with as many people as you can. We have many challenges facing us, with a growing world population, climate change, and habitat destruction, to name only a few. But I know that if we pull together, and share what is special about species at risk, and what they tell us about our world, we can make a difference. We are making a difference!

So, hats off to Harold & Diane Clapp! Great idea. Thanks for finding the turtles. Hope this works for you. To everyone else, enjoy the guide and consider yourself a part of our team.

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