



Ontario Turtle Tally



Please help us preserve turtles and wetlands by joining **ONTARIO TURTLE TALLY**

ONTARIO TURTLE TALLY is a community based conservation programme that records where Ontario turtles survive, what threatens their populations and where the habitat that sustains them is found.

Submit your observations on-line at...

www.torontozoo.com/adoptapond/TurtleTally.asp

Adopt-A-Pond can be contacted by: mail - 361A Old Finch Ave., Toronto, ON, M1B 5K7;
phone - 416.392.5999; fax - 416.392.4979; email - aap@torontozoo.ca

WHEN SHOULD YOU LOOK FOR TURTLES?

Turtles are very active in the spring and early summer (nesting season).
If you are lucky enough to see a turtle in your area, please let us know!

You may see a turtle crossing the road during the spring nesting season or when turtles are moving to and from hibernation sites in the early spring and fall. When it is safe to do so, please help turtles reach the side of the road in the direction they are heading.

WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD YOU RECORD?

Our online observation form will help you submit the following information: date, time, location description, habitat type, type of turtle(s) observed, number of turtles observed, turtle behaviour (e.g. basking, swimming, nesting, crossing road, dead, etc) and weather conditions. If you monitor more than one location or species, please send information about each location and species separately.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE INFORMATION YOU SEND?

Your data will be used to update Ontario turtle distribution maps, highlight important wetland habitat, prioritize restoration projects and locate road mortality hotspots. Each year you will receive a Turtle Tally participant report summarizing data from across Ontario. To see last year's data go to

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and click on Turtle Tally Summary.

TURTLE ROAD CROSSING SIGNS

Adopt-A-Pond provides turtle road crossing signs to private landowners and community members with road authority approval. For further information on obtaining signs for your community please contact Adopt-A-Pond.

