

WANTED ALIVE IN ESSEX!

YOU CAN HELP! IF YOU SEE THESE SPECIES AT RISK CONTACT: wildlife@carolinian.org
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SPINY SOFTSHELL

Apalone spinifera
ENDANGERED

Look for:

- A "pancake turtle" with a flat, leathery spotted shell
- Long snout

Did You Know? This turtle ambushes fish, crayfish & mussels by lying concealed in bottom mud • Uses its snorkel-like nose to breathe while submerged • Is at risk from water pollution, pet trade & raccoons • Less than 2,500 left in rivers & lakes of Ontario & Quebec

REWARD: Thrill of seeing this rare species!

HELP! Protect natural shorelines & beaches • Don't disturb nests, young or adults

IF YOU SEE THIS ANIMAL CONTACT: *Scott Gillingwater, Spiny Softshell Recovery Team @ 519-519-495-0400*



BARN OWL

Tyto alba
ENDANGERED

Look for:

- Golden back & white breast with dark spots
- Dark eyes & no ear tufts

Did You Know? This owl emits a hair-raising screech • Roosts in barns, silos, abandoned buildings & trees & snags • Is at risk from habitat loss, raccoons, cats & cold, snowy winters

REWARD: Control mice & rats around farms

HELP! Enhance grassland habitat • Put up nest boxes

IF YOU SEE THIS ANIMAL CONTACT: *Bernie Solymár, Ontario Barn Owl Recovery Team @ 519-426-7124*

EASTERN FOX SNAKE

Elaphe gloydi
THREATENED
& GLOBALLY RARE

Look for:

- Ontario's 2nd biggest snake (adults over 1 meter)
- Yellow-brown with large dark blotches

* Belly with yellow & black checkers

Did You Know? This snake is **not** venomous • Lives in marshes, beaches, woods, farms & hay lofts • Is at risk from habitat loss & human persecution

REWARD: Control rodent populations

HELP! Enhance wetlands • Appreciate snakes

IF YOU SEE THIS ANIMAL CONTACT: *Eastern Fox Snake Recovery Team, Allen Woodliffe @ 519-354-4108 or Ron Gould @ 519-773-4745*



GREY FOX

Urocyon cinereoargenteus
ENDANGERED

Look for:

- Small dog size
- Grey back, reddish chest & sides, white belly
- Black-tipped tail

Did You Know? This fox climbs trees almost as well as cats • Eats small mammals, birds & insects • Most live on Pelee Island with occasional sightings on the mainland • 1999 was the first Ontario discovery in of a den with kits • Reason for its decline is a mystery

REWARD: Help save a species for Canada

HELP! IF YOU SEE THIS ANIMAL CONTACT:

Ron Gould, Ministry of Natural Resources @ 519-773-4745



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