

Report Sightings of Rare Species

As the end of the summer approaches, we would like to remind members of the importance of [reporting rare species sightings](#) to the National Heritage Information Centre ([NHIC](#)). It is a division of the [Ministry of Natural Resources](#) where they collect data on rare species within Ontario.



There is a "species list" to refer to in order to determine which ones are tracked by NHIC or you can go to [MNR](#) and click on "species at risk". Examples of these species in our area are the massasauga rattlesnake, eastern hognose snake, eastern fox snake, most turtles (blandings, spotted, etc.) and bald eagles.

Reporting is very important in order to track and update the status of threatened species.



The reporting website can be a bit difficult but please let patience prevail and fill in any sightings. The report requires UTM coordinates which can be found at the [Archipelago public mapping website](#). You can access as a "public user" without a password. Click on the North Archipelago section of the map and then zoom in to pinpoint the location of your sighting. The UTM coordinates will appear at the bottom right portion of your screen.

