

FIELD HERPETOLOGY

IDENTIFICATION OF WISCONSIN AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES AND THEIR HABITATS

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

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Day One (Friday, June 3)

- Session I: 9-10am, Course Intro/General information regarding field herpetology:
- Session II: 10-12:00, Field Surveys (Snakes!)

Lunch (12:00-1:00)

- Session III: 1:00-2:00, Wisconsin Herp Diversity; Anurans (frogs, toads, treefrogs); 12 species
- Session IV: 2:00-3:00, Wisconsin Herp Diversity; Caudates (salamanders, newts, mudpuppies); 7 species
- Session V: 3:00-4:00, Field Surveys (Salamander Pond)
- Session VI: 4:00-5:00, Field Surveys (checking turtle traps)
- Session VI(contd) 5:00-? (after dinner, field surveys will continue as required).

Day Two (Saturday, June 4)

- Session I; 8-9:30, Wisconsin Herp Diversity; Chelonians and Lacertilians (Turtles and Lizards); 14 species
- Session II 9:30-11:00, Field Surveys (Snakes!)

Lunch (11:00-12:00)

- Session III: 12:00 to 1:30 Wisconsin Herp Diversity; Serpentes (Snakes); 21 species
- Session IV: 1:30 to 4:00: Field Surveys (Salamanders) and Course Wrap-up (including turning in of field notebooks).
- Session V: 5:00-? Dinner (after dinner, field surveys will continue as required)

Equipment: Please be sure to bring the type of clothes required for working outdoors (possibly in inclement weather), such as sturdy hiking boots, jeans, and sweatshirts. A rain poncho and insect repellent may not be bad ideas either. Also, we will be in muddy areas, so if you have appropriate boots (or even hip boots), I would strongly suggest bringing them.

Mandatory Text: Please purchase the three DNR guides to amphibians and reptiles of Wisconsin (a set of all three is \$10), which can be purchased here: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/herpbooks.html>