

Tallgrass prairie and savanna once covered 90 million hectares across central Canada and the United States. Today, less than one percent of this grassland habitat remains. Prairie and savanna habitats are among the world's rarest and most endangered ecosystems. The Rice Lake Plains is an ecologically vulnerable area with a rich cultural history.

Prairie and savanna habitats are scattered throughout the Rice Lake Plains and Gananaska area, especially on the Oak Ridge Moraine. Partners are working together to protect and restore these remnants. The partners are collaborating on field studies, land stewardship and public outreach, and are working with willing landowners to protect habitat. Cooperative conservation projects include prescribed burns, education and management of non-native species.

Eastern Hog-nosed Snakes prefer the sandy conditions associated with infertile prairie. These sandy areas make it easy for the snake to burrow down into the ground to lay eggs and overwinter.

The goal of the Rice Lake Plains and Gananaska Eastern Hog-nosed Snake project is to raise awareness of the snake and its habitat and behaviour. This threatened snake is disappearing across its range and your help is needed to help protect it.



Eastern Hog-nosed Snake, Gananaska Hills & the Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative



Rice Lake Plains Vision

The founding partners of the Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative share a vision of healthy prairie and savanna habitats amid a vibrant rural landscape.

This vision is possible thanks to ongoing habitat stewardship by private landowners and inspirational conservation efforts at sites such as the Alderville First Nations Black Oak Savanna and the Red Cloud Cemetery Prairie.

We are dedicated to being good neighbours in this community and to investing in long-term stewardship of the Rice Lake Plains on the Oak Ridge Moraine.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR TO REPORT AN
EASTERN HOG-NOSSED SNAKE
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Eastern Hog-nosed Snake

Heterodon platirhinos



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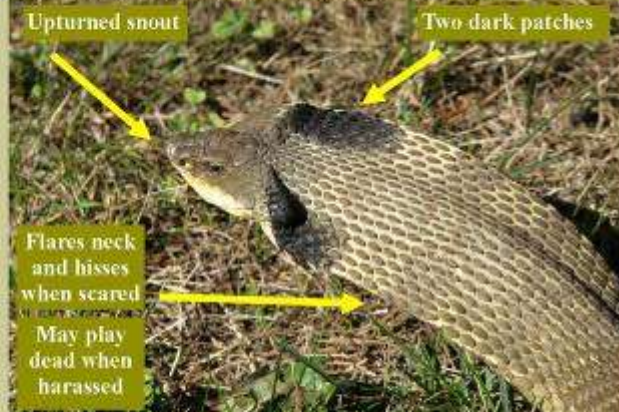


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- Found in a variety of habitats.
- Within the Rice Lake Plains, snakes use sandy areas of oak woodlands, sand barrens and tallgrass prairie.
- It is in these areas where their main food source, the American Toad, can be found and burrowing is easy.

What do you do when you see a Eastern Hog-nosed Snake?

Please leave it alone and report its location to one of the contacts on this pamphlet. If you have a camera, take a photograph of the snake.



HARMLESS * NON-VENOMOUS * THREATENED



Main food:
Toads

Watch for
snakes on
roadways



Good Snake Habitat by Todd Farrell



Black Oak Woodland – Peter's Woods Provincial Park



Big Bluestem Seed Harvest – Alderville Black Oak Savanna

A photograph of a medium-sized dog with tan and grey fur sitting in a field of tall, dry grass. The dog is looking upwards and to the left with its mouth slightly open. A blue speech bubble is positioned above the dog's head, containing the text "What about land securement?".

What about land
securment?

Year	Property	Ha	Acres
• 2002	Burnley-Carmel (NCC Purchase)	328.05	810.61
• 2005	Barr (Donation to NCC)	12.87	31.80
• 2006	Van Hove and Evens (NCC Purchase)	4.55	11.24
• 2007	Webber (Ecogift - Split receipt)	157.02	388.00
• 2007	Gray (Funding assist to AFN)	4.90	12.10
• 2009	Pelton (Funding assist to NLT)	20.24	50.00
• 2009	Shelter Valley-Cold Creek-west (NCC purchase)	54.23	134.00
• 2009	Shelter Valley-Cold Creek-north (NCC purchase)	36.42	90.00
• 2011	Hazel Bird Nature Reserve (NCC Purchase)	116.15	287.00
• 2014	Leblanc (NCC Purchase)	14.57	36.00
• 2014	Schultz North (NCC Purchase)	56.66	140.00
• 2014	Savage (NCC Purchase)	4.05	10.00
• 2015	Robins (NCC Purchase)	2.83	6.90
• 2015	Arenovich (NCC Purchase)	7.69	19.00
• 2015	Rudik (NCC Purchase)	4.05	10.00
• 2015	Red Cloud (NCC Purchase)	11.00	27.00
• 2017	Boyles Corners (NCC Purchase)	31.57	78.00

Tallgrass property totals - 867 ha/2,142 ac

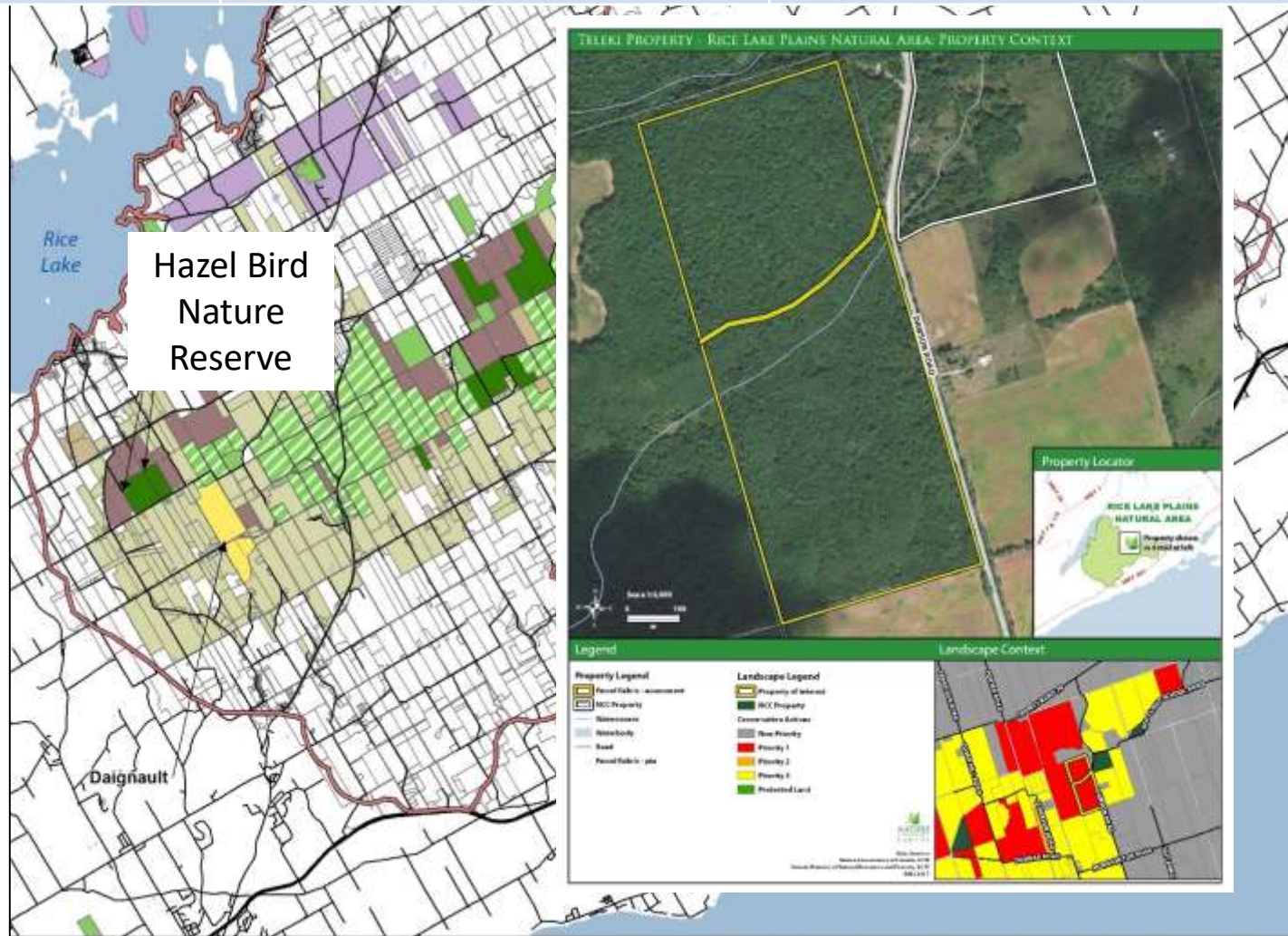




Hazel Bird
Nature
Reserve

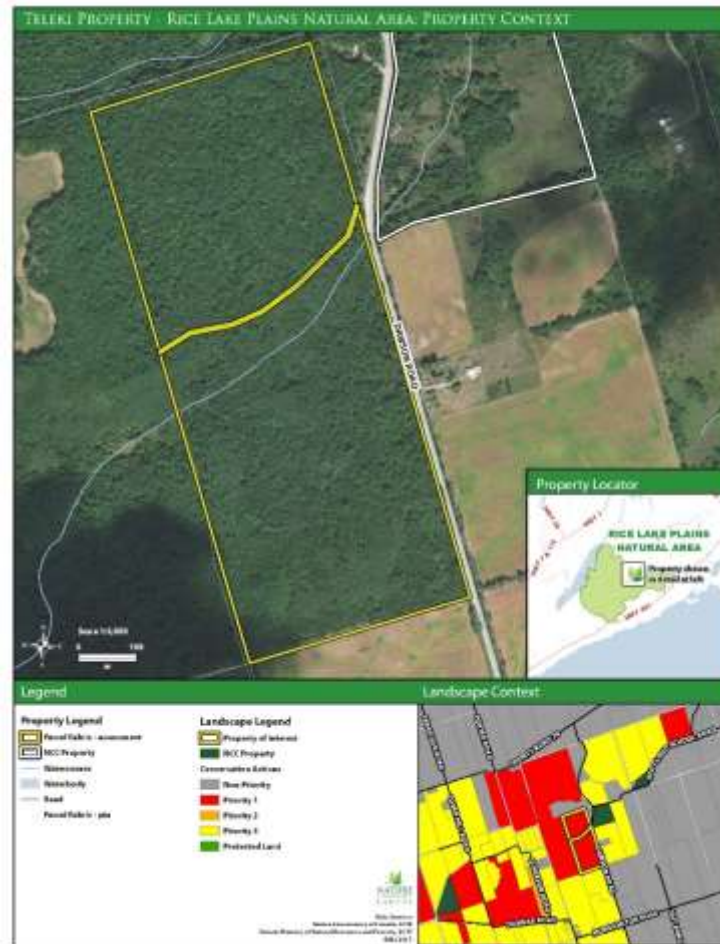


Land	Target	2019
Tallgrass properties	1,200 ha 3,000 acres	867 ha 2,142 acres



Coming soon!

Salt Creek ANSI - Teleki



- Oak Woodland
- Kame Forest
- 39 ha/96 acres
- Fundraising target: \$420,000