Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program

RARE ANIMAL OBSERVATION FORM

Observer's name: ROBERT D. ROY

Address: WOODLOT ALTERNATIVES, INC.
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Phone: 207-846-6764 (H) 207-729-1199 (W)

Species observed: WOOD TURTLE

Date and Time of observation: 5.7.98; ~ 8-10 AM

1. Location where species was observed:

a) Town: PITTSFIELD County BERKSHIRE USGS Map: PITTSFIELD WEST

b) Please attach a photo copy of the appropriate section of a USGS topographic map (or similar map if a USGS map is unavailable). Please carefully mark the site in red where you observed this rare species.

c) Please explain how to get to this spot: SITE CAN BE REACHED BY ENTERING HOUSATONIC RIVER VALLEY STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA AT GATE AT THE END OF UNDERHILL PLACE (IN PITTSFIELD). FROM GATE, WALK UP ACCESS ROAD ~~FOR~~ EAST FOR APPROXIMATELY 300 YDS. ONCE ~~THE~~ ACCESS ROAD ENTERS FIELD, TURN LEFT (NORTH) AND DROP DOWN STEEP 80' HILLSIDE TO WETLAND.

2. Number of individuals observed: 2

3. Was a positive ID possible? YES Based on what field marks? CARAPACE, COLOR, ET

Were photographs taken? ONLY OF FEMALE.
If yes, please submit one clear photograph of the animal.

4. Age and sex of individuals: ONE FEMALE FOUND AT 8AM, WAS PHOTOGRAP
ONE MALE FOUND AT ~ 10 AM, NO CAMERA AVAILABLE @ TIME

5. Evidence (if any) of breeding activity at this site: NONE OBSERVED OTHER THAN PRESENCE OF ♂ & ♀ W/IN 30' OF EACHOTHER.

(OVER)

6. Have you observed this species at this site in previous years? NO

If yes, please give details: _____

7. Description of habitat at this site: BOTH INDIVS. WERE FOUND AMONG YOUNG PHALARIS ARUNDINACEA GROWTH ADJACENT TO A BACKWATER CHANNEL OF THE HOUSATONIC RIVER.

8. Observed or potential threats to the species or its habitat at this site:

NONE

9. Landowner's name and address, if known: MASS. FISH & WILDLIFE

10. Additional observations/comments: _____

11. Qualifications of observer (check all that apply):

____ Amateur naturalist. Years of experience: ____
____ Conservation Commission member
____ Biology/science teacher
X Environmental Consultant
X Degree in Biology: X Bachelor's ____ Master's ____ Ph. D.
____ Other. Please specify: _____

12. Briefly explain your previous field experience with this species: HAVE FOUND SEVERAL NEW POPULATIONS IN MAINE.

13. List names and qualifications of other observers (if any): _____

14. I hereby certify under pains and penalties of perjury that the information contained in this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature [signature] Date: 5.7.98

Please submit field forms and all supporting documentation (map, photo, etc.) to:

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Species observed: WOOD TURTLE

Date and Time of observation: 6.18.98 ; ± 11 AM

1. Location where species was observed:

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c) Please explain how to get to this spot: TURTLE WAS FOUND DEAD ON CROFUT ST. IN PITTSFIELD (OFF OF RTE 7/20). WAS HIT BY VEHICLE. INDIVIDUAL WAS A FEMALE, AS EGGS WERE VISIBLE IN THE BODY.

2. Number of individuals observed: 1

3. Was a positive ID possible? YES Based on what field marks? IN HAND

Were photographs taken? NO
If yes, please submit one clear photograph of the animal.

4. Age and sex of individuals: FEMALE, ADULT

5. Evidence (if any) of breeding activity at this site: INDIVIDUAL WAS CARRYING EGGS BEFORE BEING HIT BY A VEHICLE.

(OVER)

6. Have you observed this species at this site in previous years? ± / MONTH PRIOR

If yes, please give details: SEE ATTACHED SHEET

7. Description of habitat at this site: ROAD ABOVE FLOODPLAIN OF HOUSATONIC RIVER (WEST BRANCH)

8. Observed or potential threats to the species or its habitat at this site: —

9. Landowner's name and address, if known: —

10. Additional observations/comments: —

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