



2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Call for Abstracts

(Deadline for submission - January 10th, 2025)

Where: Denver Zoo Conservation Alliance, Gates Center
2300 Steele St, Denver, CO 80205

When: February 8th, 2025

Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Registration: Register for Annual Meeting Tickets [Here!](#)

Submission deadline: January 10th, 2025, or all submission spots are filled!

Guidelines

Presentations are invited on all topics related to amphibian and reptile conservation, with particular interest in those species occurring in Colorado. We love to hear from speakers of all different backgrounds: academics, field professionals, hobbyists, artists, writers, keepers, etc.

Presentation Options

1. Regular Oral presentations (15-20 min) *
2. Lightning presentations (5-10 min) *
 - Presentations by students (undergraduate, graduate) are strongly encouraged
 - COPARC will sponsor some students who submit an abstract to attend the meeting
 - PLEASE note on your abstract submission that you are a student by including "Student" at the end of the file name, or you may not be eligible

*Includes time for questions, if you think you need more time than this let us know and we can negotiate!

HOW TO SUBMIT ABSTRACTS

Abstracts must be submitted electronically by sending an email to coloradoparc@gmail.com with the subject line 'COPARC Meeting Abstract'. Include the abstract as an attachment (Microsoft Word/PDF), and the attachment file name must be indicated with the type of presentation you would like to give, your last name, and if you are a student (for example: 'RegularTalk_LastName' or 'Lightening_LastName_Student').

See Instructions for preparing abstracts (below) for formatting requirements.

If you have questions as to whether your topic is relevant to the meeting, please contact: coloradoparc@gmail.com

General Instructions

- Abstracts should informatively summarize the contents of the oral or poster presentation and give important conclusions
- Titles must be less than 20 words, capitalize only the first letter of each word
- Text of abstracts must be less than 250 words in length
- Use Times New Roman (12 point) for text and include only one space after periods and italicize all scientific names
- List senior author first, and indicate the presenting author by following their name with an asterisk
- List the authors as you would like them to appear in the printed abstract volume
- Authors' names must be followed by their affiliated department name, organization name, address, city, state and zip code, and email

See below for details by submission type

Instructions for Preparing Abstracts:

Regular Oral presentations (15-20 min)
Sample Abstract (from 2012 NEPARC Meeting)

TITLE: Patterns of Amphibian Occurrence in Alpine Wetlands in Québec, Newfoundland, and New England

AUTHOR(s), AFFILIATION, ADDRESS, AND EMAIL: Michael T. Jones*, Massachusetts Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003; *email*; Lisabeth L. Willey, Department of Environmental Conservation, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003; *email*; Scott D. Smyers, Oxbow Associates, 629 Massachusetts Ave., Boxborough, MA 01719

ABSTRACT:

Arctic-alpine habitats are relatively rare in eastern North America, where they reach their southernmost extent in New York and New England. Alpine habitats are more widespread and diverse in Newfoundland, Labrador and Québec, where common alpine wetlands include bogs, fens, and rocky pools. Alpine areas are subjected to extreme environmental conditions including summer frosts, short growing seasons, late ice-out, strong winds, frequent fog, and elevated UV. Little is known about the amphibian communities of eastern alpine wetlands, but they are likely to respond quickly in response to environmental change and are thus reasonable long-term bioindicators. We evaluated patterns of amphibian occurrence in alpine environments at two scales. At a broad scale, we surveyed 90 pools in 12 ranges in Québec, Newfoundland, and New England. At a finer scale, we employed visual surveys and acoustic recorders to establish long-term monitoring sites on the Presidential and Franconia Ranges, New Hampshire. Nine species were detected; these exhibited different patterns of occurrence. We found *Anaxyrus americanus*, *Lithobates sylvatica*, and *Pseudacris crucifer* broadly distributed in most alpine areas surveyed in Québec and New England. *Lithobates clamitans*, *Ambystoma maculatum*, *Eurycea bislineata*, *Plethodon cinereus* and *Notophthalmus viridescens* were sporadically encountered in mainland alpine environments. Some northern species such as *Lithobates pipiens*, *L. septentrionalis*, and *Ambystoma laterale* were not detected in mainland alpine areas, although introduced *L. septentrionalis* were locally abundant in alpine areas in Newfoundland, co-occurring with *A. americanus*. At a finer scale, anurans in New England alpine areas do not appear to show signs of cold-adaptation.

Instructions for Preparing Abstracts:

Lightening presentations (5-10 min)

Do you have a fun new case study to share? Are you involved in innovative research? Do you want to quickly share an update but don't require a full 20-min presentation?

Lightning style talks condense the talk to 5 minutes! Talks can be funny, inspirational, or informative, but should all strive to be engaging and entertaining.

To be considered for a Lightning Talk slot, please submit (see regular oral presentations for format examples):

NAME

TITLE

AUTHOR(s), AFFILIATION, ADDRESS, AND EMAIL

ABSTRACT

3-5 sentence explanation of your talk

Thank you for taking the time to submit your abstract!

If you have any questions about the meeting, abstract, or presentations, contact us at coloradoparc@gmail.com

You will be notified by January 20th or sooner to confirm acceptance of your submission.