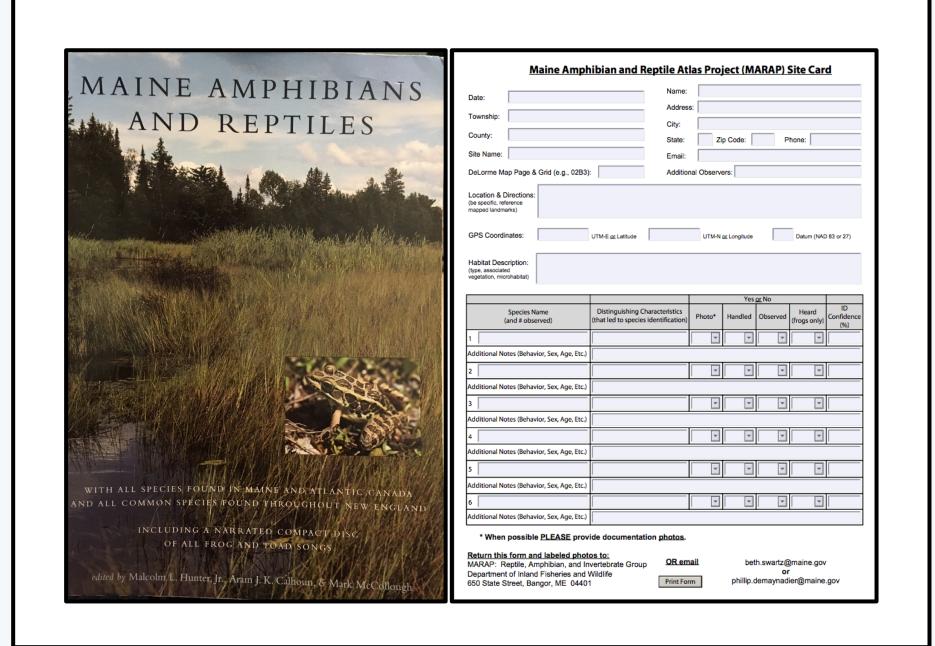
Maine Amphibian and Reptile Atlas Project 2018: Examining Idiosyncrasies in Species' Ranges to Power Conservation

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Introduction

- I will collect occurrence data on several species of interest this summer in an effort to better understand their current range.
- Species that we are investigating are of high scientific interest because their ranges exhibit idiosyncrasies.
- This work is part of an overall effort to update the Maine Amphibian and Reptile Atlas Project (MARAP).
- It is important to understand the geographic distribution of reptiles and amphibians to power conservation and monitoring.

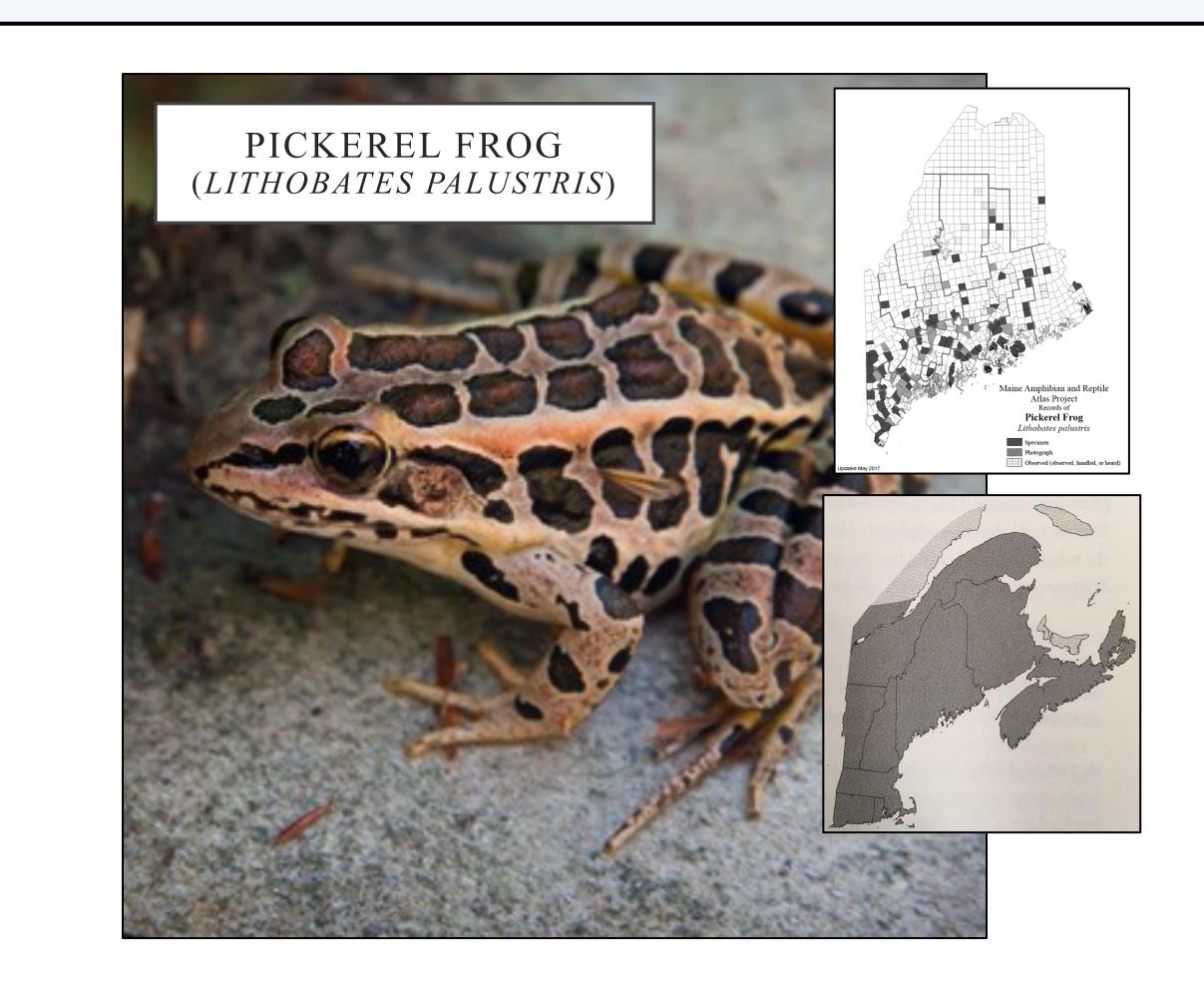


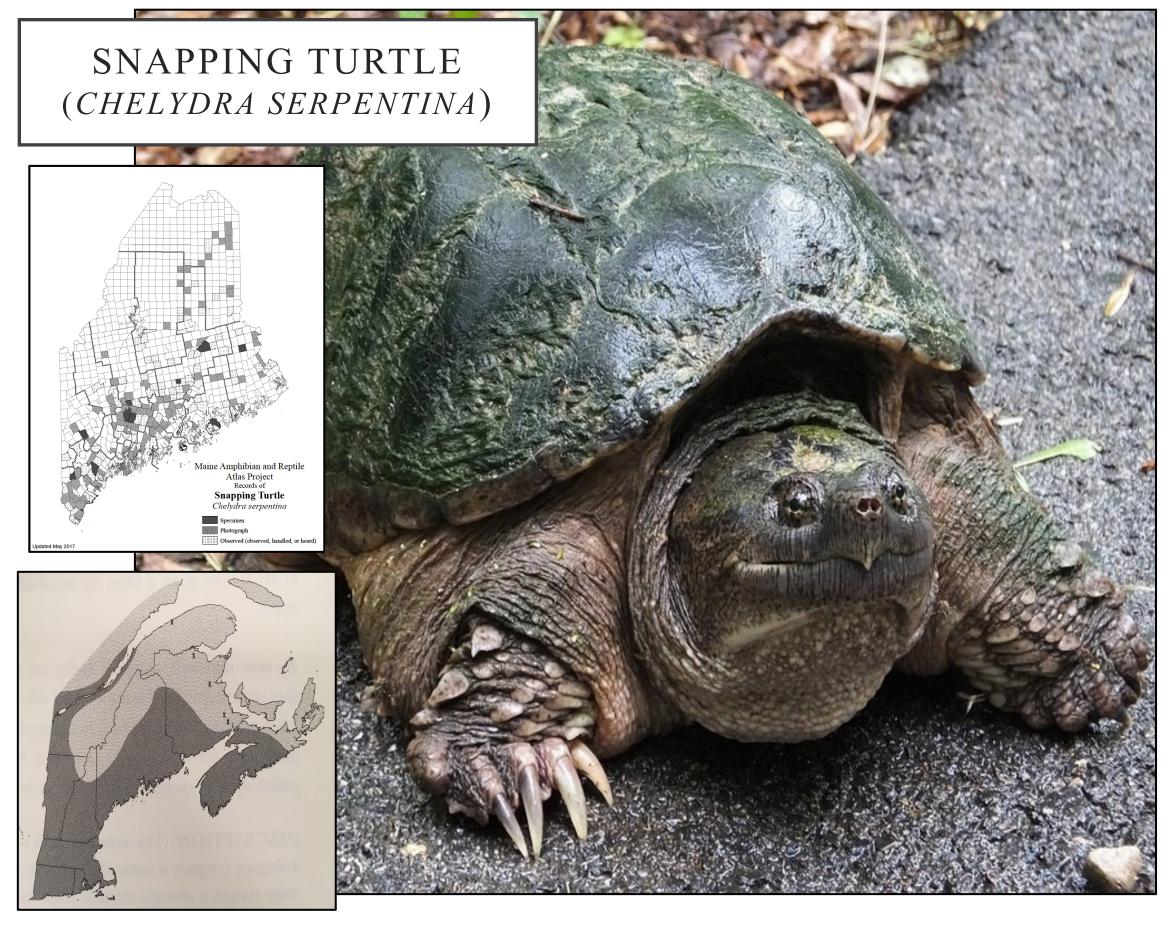
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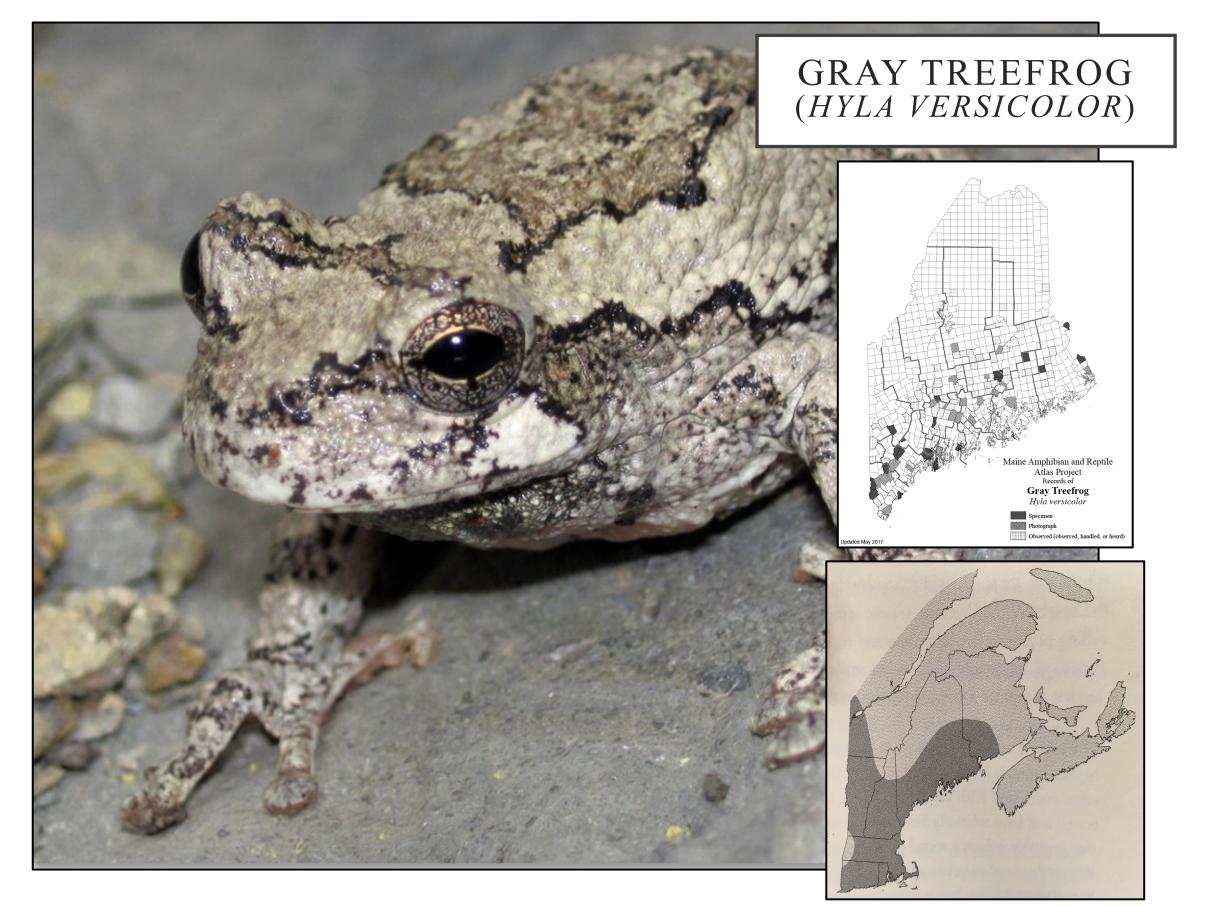
- I will utilize visual encounter searches, as well as acoustic recording devices for frog calls. Animals will be hand captured and photographed.
- Key info to be gathered:
 - Photographic records for all encountered reptiles and amphibians
 - Ecological notes for each occurrence
 - Voucher specimens in areas with poor documentation

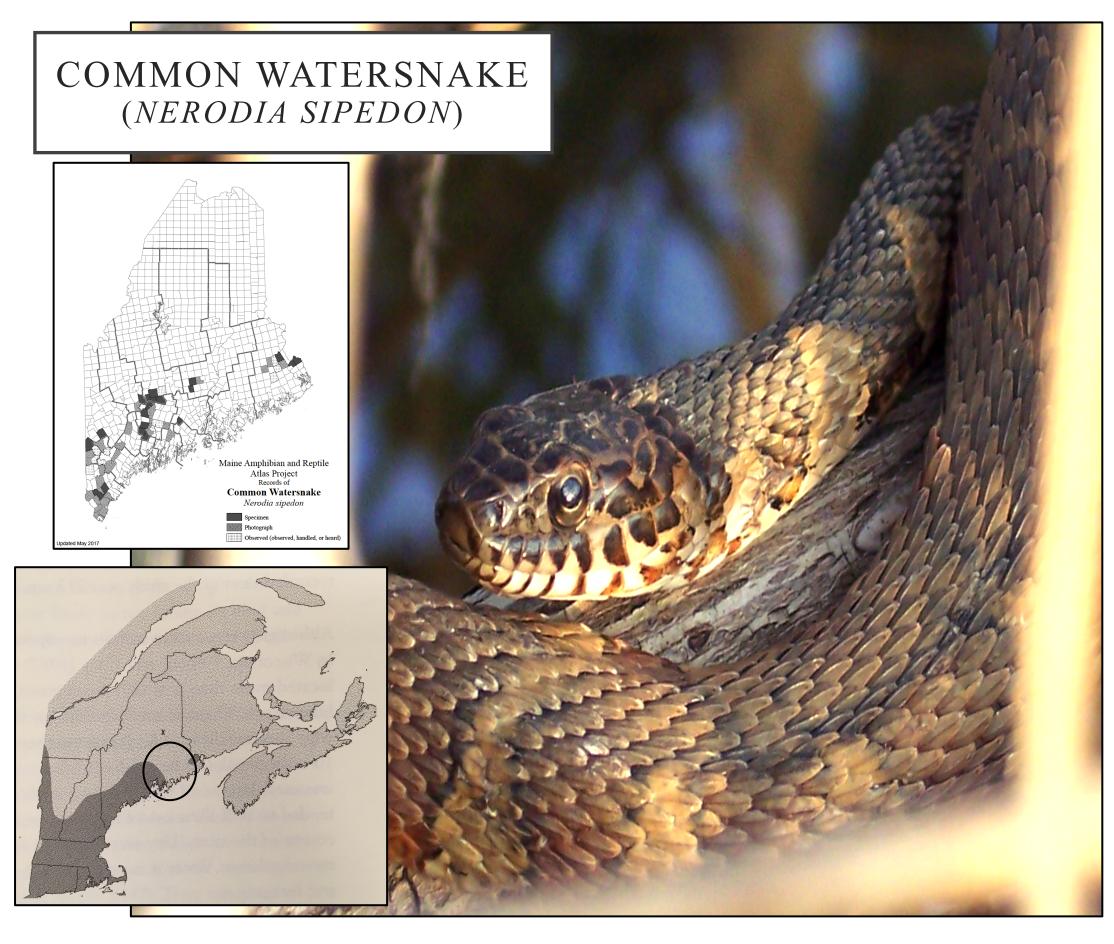




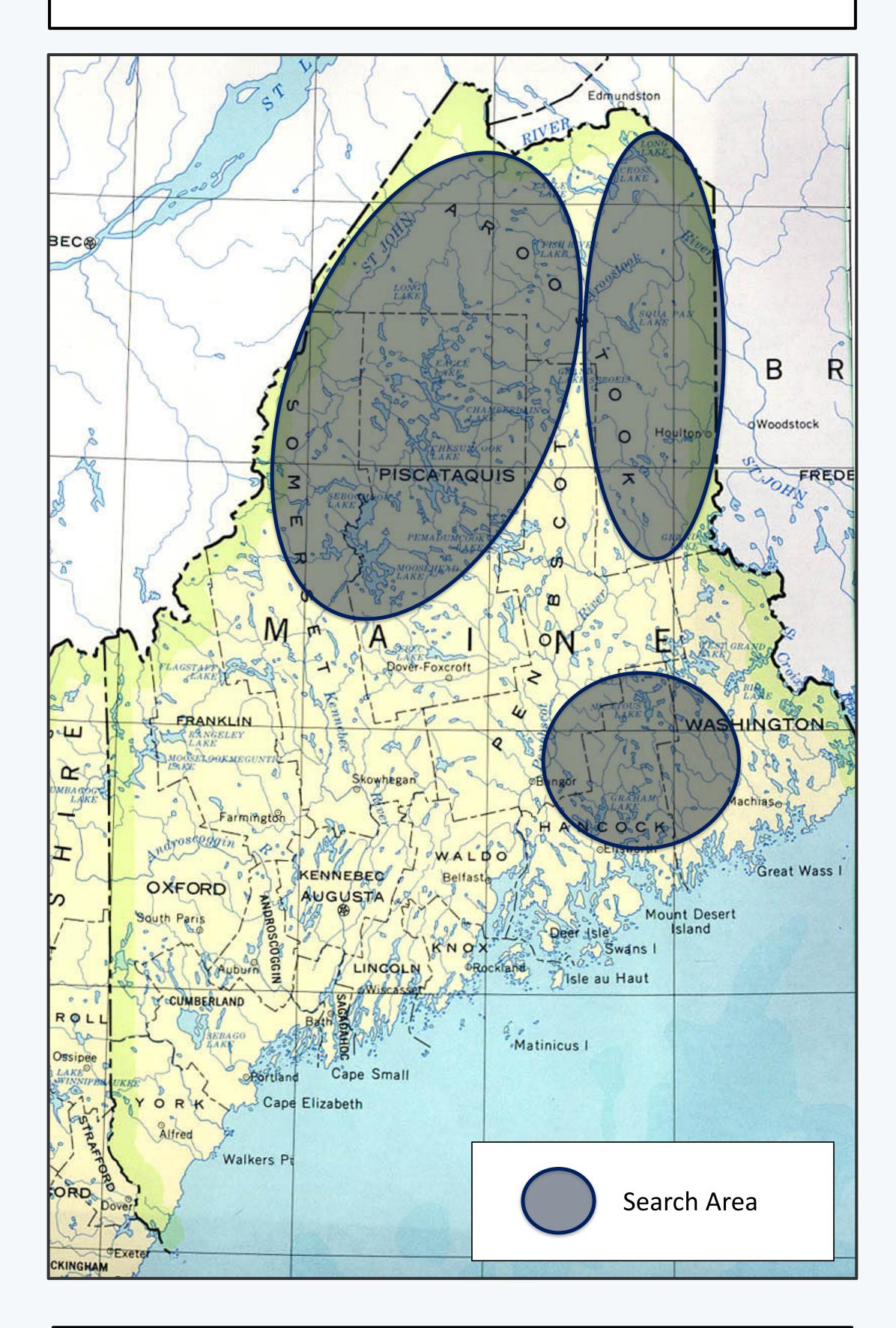








- Pickerel Frog: Do they really occur north of Moosehead Lake?
- Gray Treefrog: How far north do they occur?
- Snapping Turtle: Do they occur in Northwest Maine?
- Common Watersnake: What are the exact edges of the disjunct range?



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