



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Where: Boulder County Open Space Building
5201 St Vrain Rd, Longmont, CO 80503

When: February 8, 2020

Time: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

[Register Here](#)

DEADLINE for abstract submission is January 1, 2020

Presentations are invited on all topics related to amphibian and reptile conservation with particular interest on those species occurring in Colorado.

Presentation Options

1. **Regular Oral presentations** (15-20 min). These time frames include time for questions. *see below for detail
2. **Lightening presentations** (5 min)

Presentations by students (undergraduate, graduate) are strongly encouraged.

STUDENTS!!! COPARC will sponsor the first 5 students to attend the meeting who submit an abstract. PLEASE note on your abstract submission that you are a student (include “_Student” at the end of the file name), or you may not be eligible!

HOW TO SUBMIT ABSTRACTS

Abstracts must be submitted electronically by sending an email to coloradoparc@gmail.com with the subject line 'COPARC 2020Abstract'. 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

Please read carefully and follow all directions.

- 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. 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

Find more information at: coparc.org

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

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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 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?

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

Presentation Guidelines: 20 slides – no more, no less 5 minutes – each slide displays for 15 sec. (15 sec. x 20 slides = 5 min)

Submission

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

NAME

TITLE

AUTHOR(s), AFFILIATION, ADDRESS, AND EMAIL

3-5 sentence explanation of your talk

For Additional information about Lightening-Style Talks:

- <http://www.slideshare.net/IgnitePhoenix/ignite-presentation-tips-1524584> Why give an Ignite talk?
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGENcSkRGRk#t=88> Want to see some example Ignite presentations?
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