

**Guide to the Reptiles  
and Amphibians of  
Northwest Minnesota  
Region 1N**



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Guide to the Herpetofauna  
of Northwest Minnesota  
Region 1 - North Half

This preliminary guide has been prepared as a reference to the occurrence and distribution of reptiles and amphibians of Region 1 - North in Northwest Minnesota. Taxonomy and identification are based on "A Field Guide to Reptiles and Amphibians" by Roger Conant (Second Edition, 1975). Figure 1 is a map of this region.

Counties Included: Beltrami, Clearwater, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau and Hubbard Counties.

SPECIES LIST

Turtles

Common snapping turtle  
Western painted turtle

Lizards

Northern prairie skink

Snakes

Red-bellied snake  
Western plains garter snake  
Red-sided garter snake } s.s.  
Eastern garter snake }  
Plains western hognose snake  
\*Western smooth green snake } s.s.  
\*Eastern smooth green snake }  
Bullsnake

ss - single species  
(?) - hypothetical species - reports needed  
\* - special interest species - reports needed

Summary

A total of 22 species are found in Region 1 - North. The eastern garter snake and smooth green snake are each represented by two subspecies.

Species of special interest are the central newt, Canadian toad, great plains toad, and smooth green snake. Any sightings of these species should be recorded and sent to the nongame supervisor.

County records for this region are given on the following pages. If you encounter any new county records, the specimen should be captured and either photographed from several angles or preserved in isopropyl alcohol. Record the

Salamanders

Mudpuppy  
\*Central (Common) Newt  
Blue-spotted salamander  
Eastern tiger salamander

Toads

\*Canadian (Dakota) Toad  
American Toad  
\*Great plains toad

Frogs

Northern spring peeper  
Gray (common) treefrog  
Boreal chorus frog  
Mink frog  
Northern leopard frog  
Wood frog

collector's name and address, date, county, township, range, and section number (or distance and directions from the nearest town), and the habitat in which the animal was found. The nongame supervisor should be contacted concerning disposition of specimens.

Unless otherwise specified, all county records are from Reptiles and Amphibians of Minnesota by Walter J. Breckenridge.

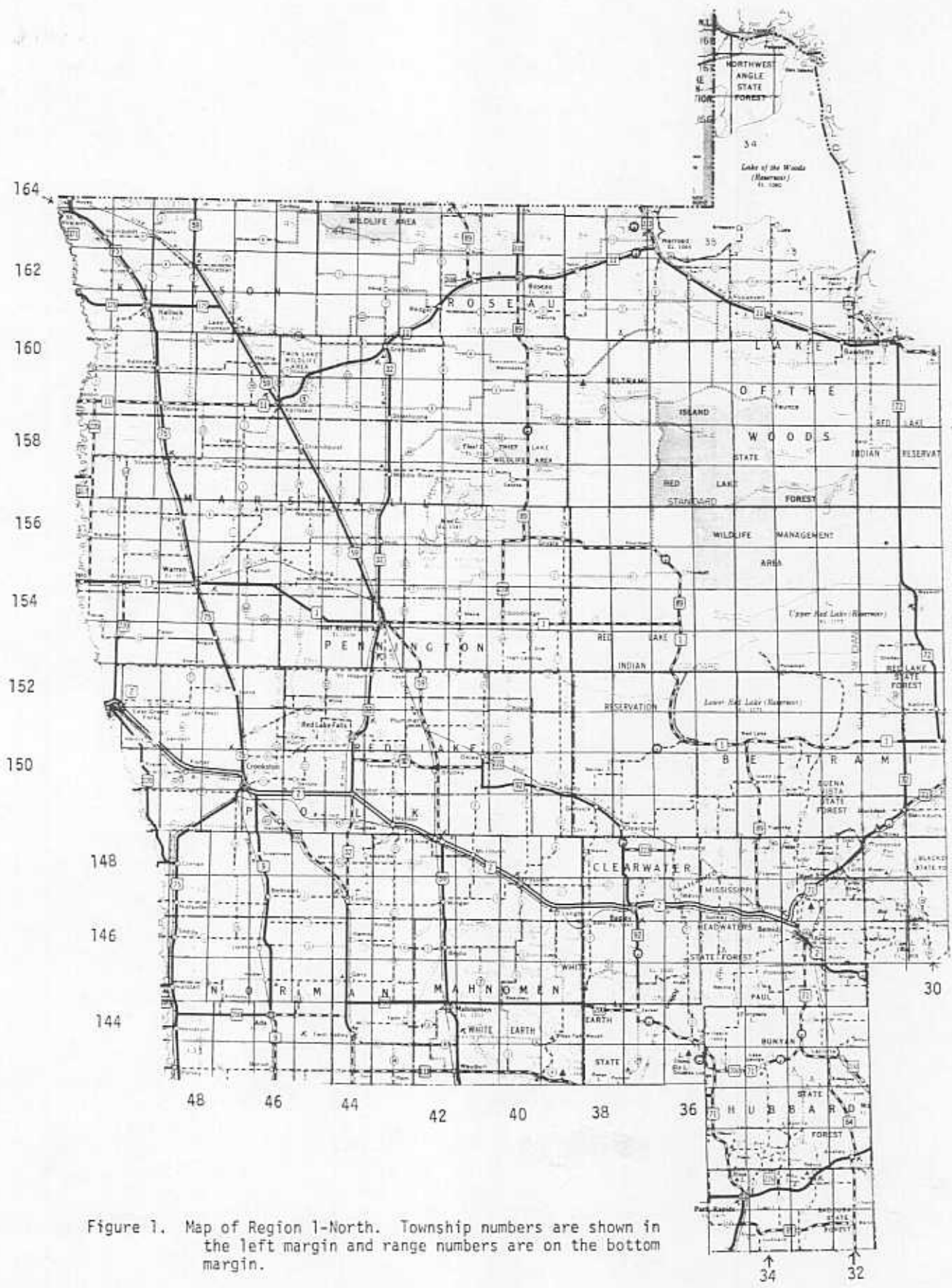


Figure 1. Map of Region 1-North. Township numbers are shown in the left margin and range numbers are on the bottom margin.

## Reptiles and Amphibians of Minnesota - Region 1 North Half

	Kittson	Roseau	Lake of the Woods	Marshall	Pennington	Red Lake	Polk	Norman	Mahnomen	Clearwater	Beltrami	Hubbard
<u>Turtles</u>												
Common Snapping Turtle							X			X	X	X
Western Painted Turtle			X				X			X		X
<u>Lizards</u>												
Northern Prairie Skink	X			X			X	X			X	X
<u>Snakes</u>												
Red-bellied Snake		X		X			X		X	X		
Western Plains Garter Snake	X	X		X		X	X	X	X			?
Red-sided Garter Snake									X	X		
Eastern Garter Snake									X	X	X	X
Plains Western Hognose Snake							X	X				
Western Smooth Green Snake	X	X		X			X	H*	X	X		?
Eastern Smooth Green Snake	X	X		X			X		X	X		
Bullsnake							X					
<u>Salamanders</u>												
Mudpuppy								X				
Central Newt										X		
Blue-spotted Salamander										X	X	
Eastern Tiger Salamander	X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X
<u>Toads</u>												
Canadian Toad	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			
American Toad			X	X					X	X		X
Great Plains Toad						X	X	X				

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Frogs

Northern spring peeper

Common gray treefrog

Boreal chorus frog

Mink frog

Northern leopard frog

Wood frog

	Kittson	Roseau	Lake of the Woods	Marshall	Pennington	Red Lake	Polk	Norman	Mahnomen	Clearwater	Beltrami	Hubbard
Northern spring peeper										X		
Common gray treefrog	X			X			X			X	X	
Boreal chorus frog	X			X			X		X	X	X	X
Mink frog										X	X	?
Northern leopard frog	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wood frog	X	DNR X		X		DNR X	X		X	X	X	