

NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONSERVATION NEEDS GRANT 2017 PROGRESS REPORT

Quarter: 2017 3rd

Grant Program, Number and Title:
RCN 2016-06 Assessing Land Snails in the Northeast

Organization:
Appalachian Conservation Biology

Project Leader:
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Abstract:
In the third quarter of 2017 we edited county occurrence maps of the region's 300-plus land snail species, and updated the overall regional species list from our museum records database. Species profiles were written and edited, and images obtained, for an additional 14 species. Web pages were built for the new species and restructuring of the website continued.

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter?
In part, with limitations due to a serious, unexpected health issue.

Progress Achieved: (For each Goal/Objective, list Planned and Actual Accomplishments)
Species range maps – completed excepting minor editing.
Restructuring website (including ADA compliance) – in progress.
New species profiles – in progress, 43 completed.

Difficulties Encountered:
An unexpected health issue resulted in a significant reduction of the project scope. Land snail inventory work was halted because there is insufficient time to identify and process specimens collected. Specimens already collected will be identified after completion of the current project, and will be forwarded to the Carnegie Museum of Natural History.

In addition, work on updating existing website content, adding ecology sections, and developing an identification key did not begin in the third quarter as expected, but will occur in the fourth quarter.

Activities Anticipated Next Quarter:
Continue writing new species profiles and adding these to website, revising/updating existing species profiles, writing new ecology content, and developing an identification key that includes the newly-added species.

Expected End Date:
Dec. 31, 2017

Costs:

Total life to date expenses (include this quarter):

\$23,828

Total Approved Budgeted Funds:

\$63,423

Are you within the approved budget plan and categories?

Yes

Signature: Kenneth P. Hotopp

Date: 11/14/2017