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Tigers on the Prowl: An Introduction to Salamanders on the Prairies



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Speaker: Carla Church, Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation

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Presentation summary:

Manitoba and Saskatchewan boast two species of Tiger Salamander: the Eastern Tiger (*Ambystoma tigrinum*) and the Western Tiger (*Ambystoma mavortium*, also known as Barred or Grey Tiger Salamander). Salamanders play an important role in ecosystem health as both a mid level predator and as a bio-indicator. With their porous skin and biphasic lifecycle, they are sensitive to pollution and other habitat impacts both on land and in water. The impacts of climate change on the Canadian prairies are predicted to include increased summer temperatures, decreased summer rainfall and increased frequency and severity of droughts which would have dire consequences for salamander populations. With global amphibian decline and the increased risk of climate change, knowledge of local populations of salamanders is important for the continuation of the species as well as informing policy and recovery strategies.

About the Speaker:

Carla has been working in wildlife and conservation for 13 years. Her obsession with salamanders started 8 years ago: it was love at first sight. She has continued to work with herpetofauna and species-at-risk across Manitoba. She is currently completing her Master's degree on Eastern Tiger Salamanders while working full time in conservation. Her love for all things slimy, scaly and hard shelled continues as does her passion for the outdoors and conserving Manitoba's important ecosystems.