

Native Prairie Speaker Series

Presentation: Reptiles on the Fringe: Movement, Habitat, and Genetic Population Structure of Northern Snakes

Speaker: Dr. Christopher M. Somers, Associate Professor of Biology, University of Regina

Presentation Summary:

In this presentation Dr. Chris Somers will discuss more than 10 years of ecological and genetic research on the unique snake community in southern Saskatchewan. Highlights include comparisons of movement and habitat use by three species of conservation concern, the eastern yellow-bellied racer, bullsnake, and prairie rattlesnake. In addition, basic population genetics and what the data infer about connectivity among snake populations in Saskatchewan will also be discussed.

Biography:

Dr. Chris Somers is a Professor of Biology at the University of Regina, and former Canada Research Chair in Genes & Environment. His research program uses a variety of scientific approaches to better understand interactions between humans and animals, and how to mitigate conflict.



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