

## An Update on Wild Turkey Research

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Wild turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo*) were re-established in Ontario beginning in 1984, and since that time, there have been few studies of turkey ecology within the occupied range of turkeys in the province. Thus, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources is interested in obtaining local information to assist in management of turkeys. The presentation will provide an update on the progress of recent wild turkey research in Ontario.

Since autumn 2011, the OMNR and Trent University have been collaborating on a study of wild turkey ecology on the Bruce Peninsula. There are two main objectives of the study. First, we wish to assess the use of habitats by turkeys. Second, we are interested in understanding the behavioural strategies used by turkeys to survive in northern environments. We have identified the Bruce Peninsula as a location to carry out this study because it contains an appropriate mix of forest, agriculture and protected areas; because of its history of turkey management; and because of its interesting natural history on the Bruce Peninsula.

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