

Jim Angley

Jim's passion for wildlife—especially for reptiles and amphibians—goes back as far as he can remember. After decades of field experience with reptiles and amphibians in the Northeast, Southeast, and Southwest, as well as overseas, his passion has only grown.

Jim has worked more than twenty years with wood turtles (NJ-listed threatened) and bog turtles (federally-listed threatened, NJ-listed endangered) in his home state, where he is also certified to handle venomous snakes. He has participated in many herpetological projects for New Jersey Fish and Wildlife's Endangered and Non-game Species Program. He has assisted with various reptile research projects around the globe: green sea turtles and spectacled caimans in Costa Rica; leatherback sea turtles in the U.S. Virgin Islands; Galapagos tortoises in the Galapagos Islands; and on Cape cobras, puff adders, leopard tortoises, angulate tortoises, tent tortoises, and parrot-beaked tortoises in South Africa.

In addition to this extensive field experience, Jim has academic experience with reptiles and amphibians, having worked three years as a volunteer in the Herpetology Collections Department of the American Museum of Natural History.

Jim feels honored and privileged to have been involved in the Wood Turtle Head-start Program for the last decade. He is grateful for the long-term support of the Friends of Great Swamp NWR, which has been critical to the success of this important turtle conservation project.