



## **Introduction to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency's Tennessee Animal Biogeographic System**

The Tennessee Animal Biogeographic System (TABS) contains data on amphibians, birds, fish, mammals, reptiles, and selected invertebrates of Tennessee. TABS is an information system that can be used by educators, planners, biologists, and ecologists who need complete and concise information about animal species taxonomy, status, distribution, habitat associations, environmental parameters, life history, management practices, food habits, and references. This information can be applied to species management, habitat planning, environmental assessment, watershed planning, research, wildlife extension, and education. TABS can be accessed at <http://fwie.fw.vt.edu/TN/>. The Fish and Wildlife Information Exchange (FWIE) at the Conservation Management Institute (CMI), Virginia Tech have developed, managed, or assisted several agencies and organizations with species information systems. Information about FWIE at CMI can be found at <http://www.cmiweb.org/InformationTechnology.aspx>.