



Sample of the fishing items found along the Grenadier Pond's shoreline during summer 2014.

Above fishing items were collected from the various locations along the pond's shoreline frequented by the fishers, as some of the spots became notorious for leaving behind more abandoned fishing lines, hooks, lures floaters, sinkers, etc.

The images in this document highlight some of the areas most prone to accumulating these hazardous for the wildlife fishing items. The photographs truthfully depict discarded fishing equipment left at the very spots where it was found, while other images show the affected wildlife.



Gosling trapped in fishing line near the pump house, June 2014



Swan with fishing line hooked in the bird's beak, April 2014.



Snapping turtle dead after struggling with deeply swallowed lure, June 2012, north of the pump house

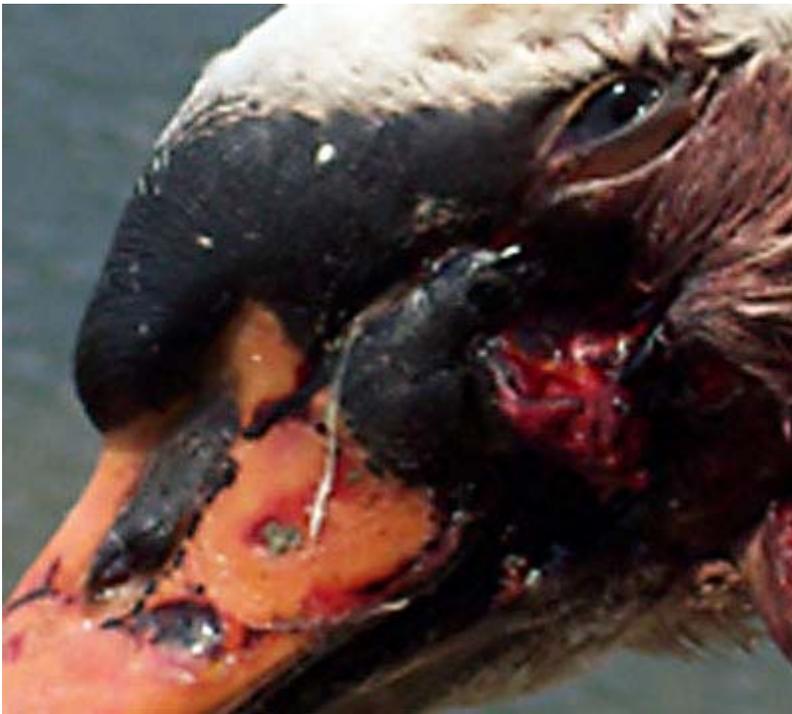
Snapping turtles are attracted to the fishers' bait as much as fish. They are caught frequently around the pump house, although poaching has been also reported at the Grenadier Pond.

Most of the affected turtles are thrown back to the pond by fishers injured; some die right away, while some end up at the Toronto Wildlife Centre to undergo the considerable efforts to be saved. TWC's support letter has been issued regarding the impacts of fishing on the wildlife at the Grenadier Pond.





Swan hooked and subsequently injured near the pump house, June 28, 2012. The bird was euthanized and the issue was investigated.



Detail of the affected area near the beak, showing fishing line and hook.



The former boat launch area at the beach near the washrooms, June 2014.

This location is very popular for many park's visitors, including school children, who come to observe the wildlife and to play here. Many bird watchers, photographers and people just wishing to relax by the pond seek out this very area.

The wildlife has always favoured this corner to rest, forage, including the families of ducks with their offsprings.

The fact that this very spot also has been very highly frequented by the growing number of fishers created a dangerous situation, as the wildlife vulnerability here is extremely high.

Last summer, 2014, numerous incidents were reported from this area, despite our efforts to remove abandoned fishing items every early morning. Fishing at dusk and at night has been popular for this easily accessible location making this problem even worse as fishers tend to leave more debris behind when visibility is lower.



Former boat launch area, at the beach near the washrooms, July 1, 2014. The arrow below points to the spot where fishing line was found early in the morning, prior to the birds arrival.





Another spot popular with the wildlife but also with the fishers, located just north of the former boat launch area, past the beach near the washrooms, June 2014.



Floater, line and hook retrieved from the shrub at the north end of pond, September, 2014. This is very frequently observed problem along the pond where trees and shrubs are lining the shoreline.



Very long fishing line tangled around the vegetation with a big hook, September 2014, the north end of pond.

This part of pond has been nesting area for the waterfowl and a permanent or transitory home for many species, including beavers and turtles.



During last summer, 2014, also many discarded fishing lines, etc. were found along the south shoreline where fishers were utilizing all three existing viewing pods surrounded by phragmites.

*All images were photographed by Lenka Holubec with the exception of Gosling trapped in fishing line and the images depicting swans.*

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