

## **David J. Kriska, Ph.D.**

David joined the Museum in 2003 as the Biodiversity Coordinator for the Center for Conservation & Biodiversity & the Natural Areas Division where he specializes in rare plant and animal surveys, community ecology, and habitat restoration. Since 2008 he's helped the Natural Areas Division acquire nearly 2,000 acres of critical habitat - the Museum currently has 55 scientific natural areas spread across nearly 10,000 acres that contain unique natural communities, such as hemlock northern hardwood forest, Lake Erie island alvar, fossil dune ridge, marshes, swamps and glacial wetlands. These high-quality habitats- many are globally rare, together protect 250 different kinds of endangered, threatened, or rare plant and animal species, and represent the remarkable biological diversity that was once widespread throughout the region.