

Reptiles of Indiana



This list of Indiana's reptile species was compiled by the state's Herpetologist based on accepted taxonomic standards and other relevant data. It is periodically reviewed and updated. References used for scientific names are included at the bottom of this list.

ORDER	FAMILY		GENUS SPECIES	COMMON NAME	STATUS*
Testudines	Chelydridae	Snapping Turtles	<i>Chelydra serpentina</i>	Snapping Turtle	
			<i>Macrochelys temminckii</i>	Alligator Snapping Turtle	SE
	Kinosternidae	Mud and Musk Turtles	<i>Sternotherus odoratus</i>	Eastern Musk Turtle	
			<i>Kinosternon subrubrum</i>	Eastern Mud Turtle	SE
	Emydidae	Box and Water Turtles	<i>Clemmys guttata</i>	Spotted Turtle	SE
			<i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>	Blanding's Turtle	SE
			<i>Terrapene carolina</i>	Eastern Box Turtle	SC, SP
			<i>Terrapene ornata</i>	Ornate Box Turtle	SE
			<i>Graptemys geographica</i>	Northern Map Turtle	
			<i>Graptemys pseudogeographica</i>	False Map Turtle	SC
			<i>Graptemys ouachitensis</i>	Ouachita Map Turtle	
			<i>Chrysemys picta</i>	Painted Turtle	
			<i>Pseudemys concinna</i>	River Cooter	SE
	Trionychidae	Softshell Turtles	<i>Trachemys scripta elegans</i>	Red-eared Slider	
			<i>Apalone mutica</i>	Smooth Softshell	
<i>Apalone spinifera</i>			Spiny Softshell		
Squamata	Phrynosomatidae	Spiny Lizards	<i>Sceloporus undulatus</i>	Eastern Fence Lizard	
	Anguidae	Glass and Alligator Lizards	<i>Ophisaurus attenuatus</i>	Slender Glass Lizard	
	Teiidae	Whiptails and Racerunners	<i>Aspidozelis sexlineata</i>	Six-lined Racerunner	
	Scincidae	Skinks	<i>Plestiodon fasciatus</i>	Common Five-lined Skink	
			<i>Plestiodon laticeps</i>	Broad-headed Skink	
			<i>Scincella lateralis</i>	Little Brown Skink	
Squamata	Natricidae	Harmless Live-Bearing	<i>Thamnophis butleri</i>	Butler's Gartersnake	SE
			<i>Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis</i>	Eastern Gartersnake	
			<i>Thamnophis sirtalis semifasciatus</i>	Chicago Gartersnake	
			<i>Thamnophis saurita saurita</i>	Common Ribbonsnake	
			<i>Thamnophis saurita septentrionalis</i>	Northern Ribbonsnake	
			<i>Thamnophis radix</i>	Plains Gartersnake	SC
			<i>Thamnophis proximus</i>	Western Ribbonsnake	SC
			<i>Nerodia erythrogaster neglecta</i>	Copper-bellied Watersnake	FT**,SE
			<i>Nerodia rhombifer</i>	Diamond-backed Watersnake	
			<i>Nerodia sipedon sipedon</i>	Northern Watersnake	
			<i>Nerodia sipedon pleuralis</i>	Midland Watersnake	
<i>Regina septemvittata</i>	Queensnake				
<i>Clonophis kirtlandii</i>	Kirtland's Snake	SE			

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		<i>Storeria dekayi</i>	Dekay's Brownsnake		
		<i>Storeria occipitomaculata</i>	Red-bellied Snake		
	Natricidae	Harmless Live-Bearing	<i>Virginia valeriae elegans</i>	Western Smooth Earthsnake	
	Colubridae	Harmless Egg-Laying	<i>Coluber constrictor foxii</i>	Blue Racer	
			<i>Coluber constrictor priapus</i>	Southern Black Racer	
			<i>Opheodrys aestivus</i>	Rough Greensnake	SC
			<i>Opheodrys vernalis</i>	Smooth Greensnake	SE
			<i>Pantherophis spiloides</i>	Gray Ratsnake	
			<i>Pantherophis vulpinus</i>	Eastern Foxsnake	
			<i>Pituophis catenifer sayi</i>	Bullsnake	
			<i>Lampropeltis nigra</i>	Eastern Black Kingsnake	
			<i>Lampropeltis triangulum</i>	Eastern Milksnake	
			<i>Lampropeltis calligaster</i>	Prairie Kingsnake	
			<i>Cemophora coccinea</i>	Scarletsnake	SE
			<i>Tantilla coronata</i>	Southeastern Crowned Snake	SE
	Dipsadidae	Slender Rear-Fanged	<i>Diadophis punctatus edwardsii</i>	Northern Ring-necked Snake	
			<i>Carphophis amoenus helenae</i>	Midwestern Wormsnake	
	Xenodontidae	Robus Rear-Fanged Snakes	<i>Heterodon platirhinos</i>	Eastern Hog-nosed Snake	
			<i>Farancia abacura</i>	Red-bellied Mudsnake	SC
	Crotalidae	Pit Vipers	<i>Agkistrodon contortrix</i>	Copperhead	
			<i>Agkistrodon piscivorus</i>	Cottonmouth	SE
			<i>Sistrurus catenatus</i>	Massasauga	FT, SE
			<i>Crotalus horridus</i>	Timber Rattlesnake	SE

** Only the Northern population segment of the copper-bellied watersnake is federally threatened

* Key to Status: Special Protected (SP), Special Concern (SC), State Endangered (SE), Federal Threatened (FT), Federal Endangered (FE), Federal Candidate (FC), X (exotic/introduced)

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Ornate Box Turtle (*Terrapene ornata*)

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