

Reptiles of Indiana

This list of Indiana's reptile species was compiled by Wildlife Diversity biologists 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		
			<i>Clemmys guttata</i>	Spotted Turtle	SE		
	Emydidae	Box and Water Turtles	<i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>	Blanding's Turtle	SE		
			<i>Terrapene carolina</i>	Eastern Box Turtle	SP		
			<i>Terrapene ornata</i>	Ornate Box Turtle	SE		
			<i>Graptemys geographica</i>	Northern Map Turtle			
			<i>Graptemys pseudogeographica</i>	False Map Turtle			
			<i>Graptemys ouachitensis</i>	Ouachita Map Turtle			
			<i>Chrysemys picta</i>	Painted Turtle			
			<i>Pseudemys concinna</i>	River Cooter	SE		
			<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>Aspidoscelis 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 Snakes	<i>Thamnophis butleri</i>	Butler's Gartersnake	SE		
			<i>Thamnophis sirtalis</i>	Common Gartersnake			
			<i>Thamnophis sauritus</i>	Eastern Ribbonsnake			
			<i>Thamnophis radix</i>	Plains Gartersnake			
			<i>Thamnophis proximus</i>	Western Ribbonsnake	SC		
			<i>Nerodia erythrogaster neglecta</i>	Copper-bellied Watersnake	FT ¹ , SE		
			<i>Nerodia rhombifer</i>	Diamond-backed Watersnake			
			<i>Nerodia sipedon</i>	Northern Watersnake			
			<i>Regina septemvittata</i>	Queen Snake			
			<i>Clonophis kirtlandii</i>	Kirtland's Snake	SE		
			<i>Storeria dekayi</i>	Dekay's Brownsnake			
					<i>Storeria occipitomaculata</i>	Red-bellied Snake	
					<i>Virginia valeriae</i>	Smooth Earthsnake	

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Colubridae	Harmless Egg-Laying Snakes	<i>Coluber constrictor</i>	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>	Western Foxsnake	
		<i>Pituophis catenifer sayi</i>	Bullsnake	
		<i>Lampropeltis nigra</i>	Black Kingsnake	
		<i>Lampropeltis t. sypila</i>	Red Milksnake	
		<i>Lampropeltis t. triangulum</i>	Eastern Milksnake	
		<i>Lampropeltis c. calligaster</i>	Prairie Kingsnake	
		<i>Cemophora coccinea</i>	Scarletsnake	SE
		<i>Tantilla coronata</i>	Southeastern Crowned Snake	SE
Dipsadidae	Slender Rear-Fanged Snakes	<i>Diadophis punctatus</i>	Ring-necked Snake	
		<i>Carphophis amoenus</i>	Eastern 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>	Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake	FT, SE
		<i>Crotalus horridus</i>	Timber Rattlesnake	SE

¹ 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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