

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
			<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	SC, SP
			<i>Terrapene ornata</i>	Ornate Box Turtle	SE
			<i>Graptemys geographica</i>	Northern Map Turtle	
			<i>Graptemys</i>	False Map Turtle	
			<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>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	<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	SC
			<i>Thamnophis proximus</i>	Western Ribbonsnake	SC
			<i>Nerodia erythrogaster</i>	Copper-bellied	FT**,SE
			<i>Nerodia rhombifer</i>	Diamond-backed	
			<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	

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	Natricidae	Harmless Live-Bearing	<i>Virginia valeriae</i>	Smooth Earthsnake	
	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	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>	Massasauga	FC, 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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