

Wisconsin's Amphibians and Reptiles

Amphibians: FROGS (12 species)

- Blanchard's Cricket Frog (END)**
(*Acris blanchardi*)
- American Toad**
(*Anaxyrus americanus*)
- Cope's Gray Treefrog**
(*Hyla chrysoscelis*)
- Gray Treefrog**
(*Hyla versicolor*)
- American Bullfrog**
(*Lithobates catesbeianus*)
- Green Frog**
(*Lithobates clamitans*)
- Pickerel Frog (SC/H)**
(*Lithobates palustris*)
- Northern Leopard Frog (SOC)**
(*Lithobates pipiens*)
- Mink Frog (SC/H)**
(*Lithobates septentrionalis*)
- Wood Frog**
(*Lithobates sylvaticus*)
- Spring Peeper**
(*Pseudacris crucifer*)
- Boreal Chorus Frog**
(*Pseudacris maculata*)

Amphibians: SALAMANDERS (7 species)

- Blue-spotted Salamander**
(*Ambystoma laterale*)
- Spotted Salamander**
(*Ambystoma maculatum*)
- Eastern Tiger Salamander**
(*Ambystoma tigrinum*)
- Four-toed Salamander (SC/H)**
(*Hemidactylium scutatum*)
- Mudpuppy**
(*Necturus maculosus*)
- Eastern Newt**
(*Notophthalmus viridescens*)
- Eastern Red-backed Salamander**
(*Plethodon cinereus*)

Reptiles: SNAKES (21 species)

- Western Wormsnake (SC/H)**
(*Carphophis vermis*)
- North American (Blue) Racer (SC/P)**
(*Coluber constrictor*)
- Timber Rattlesnake (SC/P)**
(*Crotalus horridus*)
- Ring-necked Snake**
Prairie Ring-necked Snake
(*Diadophis punctatus arnyi*) (SC/H)
Northern Ring-necked Snake
(*Diadophis punctatus edwardsii*)
- Eastern Hog-nosed Snake**
(*Heterodon platirhinos*)
- Eastern Milksnake**
(*Lampropeltis triangulum*)
- Common (Northern) Watersnake**
(*Nerodia sipedon*)
- Smooth Greensnake**
(*Opheodrys vernalis*)
- Gray (Black) Ratsnake (SC/P)**
(*Pantherophis spiloides*)
- Eastern Foxsnake**
(*Pantherophis vulpinus*)
- Gophersnake (Bullsnake) (SC/P)**
(*Pituophis catenifer*)
- Queensnake (END)**
(*Regina septemvittata*)
- Eastern Massasauga (LT, END)**
(*Sistrurus catenatus*)
- Dekay's Brownsnake**
(*Storeria dekayi*)
- Red-bellied Snake**
(*Storeria occipitomaculata*)
- Butler's Gartersnake (SC/H)**
(*Thamnophis butleri*)
- Western Ribbonsnake (END)**
(*Thamnophis proximus*)
- Plains Gartersnake (SC/H)**
(*Thamnophis radix*)
- Eastern (Northern) Ribbonsnake (END)**
(*Thamnophis saurita*)
- Common Gartersnake**
(*Thamnophis sirtalis*)
- Lined Snake (SC/H)**
(*Tropidoclonion lineatum*)

Reptiles: LIZARDS (4 species)

- Six-lined Racerunner (SC/H)**
(*Aspidoscelis sexlineata*)
- Slender Glass Lizard (END)**
(*Ophisaurus attenuatus*)
- Common Five-lined Skink**
(*Plestiodon fasciatus*)
- Prairie Skink (SC/H)**
(*Plestiodon septentrionalis*)

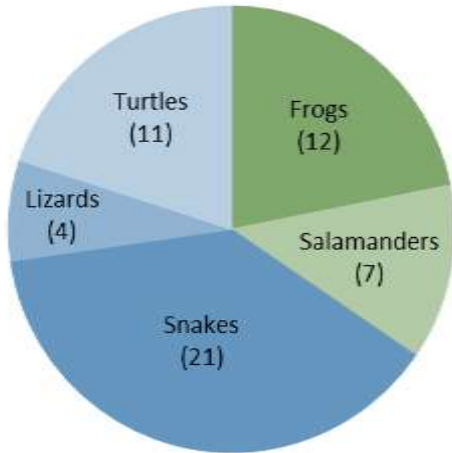
Reptiles: TURTLES (11 species)

- Smooth Softshell (SC/H)**
(*Apalone mutica*)
- Spiny Softshell**
(*Apalone spinifera*)
- Snapping Turtle**
(*Chelydra serpentina*)
- Painted Turtle**
(*Chrysemys picta*)
- Blanding's Turtle (SC/P, SOC)**
(*Emydoidea blandingii*)
- Wood Turtle (THR, SOC)**
(*Glyptemys insculpta*)
- Northern Map Turtle**
(*Graptemys geographica*)
- Ouachita (Southern) Map Turtle**
(*Graptemys ouachitensis*)
- False Map Turtle**
(*Graptemys pseudogeographica*)
- Eastern Musk Turtle**
(*Sternotherus odoratus*)
- Ornate Box Turtle (END)**
(*Terrapene ornata*)

LT: Federally Threatened Species
END: State Endangered Species
THR: State Threatened Species
SC/P: State Species of Special Concern
(fully protected)
SC/H: State Species of Special Concern
(open/closed seasons)
SOC: Federal Species of Concern

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Wisconsin is home to 55 native amphibian and reptile species, often collectively referred to as “herps” or “herptiles.”



Amphibians include frogs and salamanders in Wisconsin and are defined as cold-blooded vertebrate animals that typically have a gill-breathing larval stage followed by a lung-breathing adult stage.

Reptiles include reptiles include snakes, lizards and turtles in Wisconsin and are defined as cold-blooded vertebrate animals with dry, scaly that typically lay soft shelled eggs on land.

For additional information, please visit the Department of Natural Resources herp page: dnr.wi.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/Herps.asp



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