

Reptiles of Arizona

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Sp.	Ssp. Scientific Name	Common Name	Status		Notes
			ESA	WSCA	
Lizards					
1	<i>Aspidoscelis arizonae</i>	Arizona Striped Whiptail			
2	<i>Aspidoscelis burti stictogramma</i>	Giant (Canyon) Spotted Whiptail			
3	<i>Aspidoscelis exsanguis</i>	Chihuahuan Spotted Whiptail			a
4	<i>Aspidoscelis flagellicauda</i>	Gila Spotted Whiptail			a
5	<i>Aspidoscelis pai</i>	Pai Striped Whiptail			
6	<i>Aspidoscelis sonorae</i>	Sonoran Spotted Whiptail			a
7	<i>Aspidoscelis tigris</i>	Tiger Whiptail			
	7 <i>Aspidoscelis tigris punctilinealis</i>	Sonoran Tiger Whiptail			
	8 <i>Aspidoscelis tigris septentrionalis</i>	Plateau Tiger Whiptail			
	9 <i>Aspidoscelis tigris tigris</i>	Great Basin Whiptail			
8	10 <i>Aspidoscelis uniparens</i>	Desert Grassland Whiptail			a
9	11 <i>Aspidoscelis velox</i>	Plateau Striped Whiptail			a
10	12 <i>Aspidoscelis xanthonota</i>	Red-backed Whiptail			
11	<i>Callisaurus draconoides</i>	Zebra-tailed Lizard			
	13 <i>Callisaurus draconoides rhodostictus</i>	Western Zebra-tailed Lizard			
	14 <i>Callisaurus draconoides ventralis</i>	Eastern Zebra-tailed Lizard			
12	<i>Coleonyx variegatus</i>	Western Banded Gecko			
	15 <i>Coleonyx variegatus bogerti</i>	Tucson Banded Gecko			
	16 <i>Coleonyx variegatus utahensis</i>	Utah Banded Gecko			
	17 <i>Coleonyx variegatus variegatus</i>	Desert Banded Gecko			
13	18 <i>Cophosaurus texanus scitulus</i>	Chihuahuan <u>Greater Earless Lizard</u>			
14	19 <i>Crotaphytus bicinctores</i>	Great Basin Collared Lizard			
15	20 <i>Crotaphytus collaris</i>	Eastern Collared Lizard			
16	21 <i>Crotaphytus nebrius</i>	Sonoran Collared Lizard			

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17	<i>22Dipsosaurus dorsalis dorsalis</i>	Northern <u>Desert Iguana</u>			
18	<i>23Elgaria kingii nobilis</i>	Arizona (Madrean) Alligator Lizard			
19	<i>24Eumeces callicephalus</i>	Mountain Skink			
20	<i>Eumeces "gilberti"</i>	Gilbert's Skink			d
	<i>25 Eumeces gilberti arizonensis</i>	Arizona Skink		*	
	<i>26 Eumeces gilberti rubricaudatus</i>	Western Red-tailed Skink			
21	<i>27Eumeces multivirgatus epiplurotus</i>	Variable (Many-lined) Skink			
22	<i>28Eumeces obsoletus</i>	Great Plains Skink			
23	<i>29Eumeces skiltonianus utahensis</i>	Great Basin (Western) Skink			
24	<i>30Gambelia wislizenii</i>	Long-nosed Leopard Lizard			
25	<i>Heloderma suspectum</i>	Gila Monster			b
	<i>31 Heloderma suspectum cinctum</i>	Banded Gila Monster			b
	<i>32 Heloderma suspectum suspectum</i>	Reticulate Gila Monster			b
26	<i>33Holbrookia elegans thermophila</i>	Sonoran (Elegant) Earless Lizard			
27	<i>Holbrookia maculata</i>	Common Lesser Earless Lizard			
	<i>34 Holbrookia maculata approximans</i>	Speckled Earless Lizard			
	<i>35 Holbrookia maculata pulchra</i>	Huachuca Earless Lizard			
28	<i>36Phrynosoma cornutum</i>	Texas Horned Lizard			
29	<i>37Phrynosoma hernandesi hernandesi</i>	Hernandez's (Greater) Short-horned Lizard			
30	<i>38Phrynosoma mcallii</i>	Flat-tailed Horned Lizard	CA	*	b
31	<i>39Phrynosoma modestum</i>	Round-tailed Horned Lizard			
32	<i>Phrynosoma platyrhinos</i>	Desert Horned Lizard			
	<i>40 Phrynosoma platyrhinos calidiarium</i>	Southern Desert Horned Lizard			e
	<i>41 Phrynosoma platyrhinos goodei</i>	Goode's Desert Horned Lizard			e
33	<i>42Phrynosoma solare</i>	Regal Horned Lizard			
34	<i>43Sauromalus ater</i>	Common Chuckwalla			c
35	<i>Sceloporus clarkii</i>	Clark's Spiny Lizard			
	<i>44 Sceloporus clarkii clarkii</i>	Sonoran Spiny Lizard			
	<i>45 Sceloporus clarkii vallis</i>	Plateau Spiny Lizard			
36	<i>46Sceloporus cowlesi</i>	Southwestern Fence Lizard			

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37	47 <i>Sceloporus graciosus graciosus</i>	Northern (Common) Sagebrush Lizard			
38	48 <i>Sceloporus jarrovi</i>	Yarrow's Spiny Lizard			
39	<i>Sceloporus magister</i>	Desert Spiny Lizard			
	49 <i>Sceloporus magister bimaculosus</i>	Twin-spotted Spiny Lizard			
	50 <i>Sceloporus magister cephaloflavus</i>	Orange-headed Spiny Lizard			
	51 <i>Sceloporus magister magister</i>	Purple-backed Spiny Lizard			
	52 <i>Sceloporus magister uniformis</i>	Yellow-backed Spiny Lizard			
40	53 <i>Sceloporus slevini</i>	Slevin's Bunchgrass Lizard			
41	54 <i>Sceloporus tristichus</i>	Plateau Lizard			
42	55 <i>Sceloporus virgatus</i>	Striped Plateau Lizard			
43	56 <i>Uma rufopunctata</i>	Yuman Desert Fringe-toed Lizard		*	
44	57 <i>Uma scoparia</i>	Mojave Fringe-toed Lizard		*	
45	<i>Urosaurus graciosus</i>	Long-tailed Brush Lizard			
	58 <i>Urosaurus graciosus graciosus</i>	Western Long-tailed Brush Lizard			
	59 <i>Urosaurus graciosus shannoni</i>	Arizona Long-tailed Brush Lizard			
46	<i>Urosaurus ornatus</i>	Ornate Tree Lizard			
	60 <i>Urosaurus ornatus schottii</i>	Schott's Tree Lizard			
	61 <i>Urosaurus ornatus symmetricus</i>	Colorado River Tree Lizard			
	62 <i>Urosaurus ornatus wrighti</i>	Cliff Tree Lizard			
47	<i>Uta stansburiana</i>	Common Side-blotched Lizard			
	63 <i>Uta stansburiana elegans</i>	Western Side-blotched Lizard			
	64 <i>Uta stansburiana stejnegeri</i>	Eastern Side-blotched Lizard			
	65 <i>Uta stansburiana uniformis</i>	Plateau Side-blotched Lizard			
48	66 <i>Xantusia bezyi</i>	Bezy's Night Lizard			
49	<i>Xantusia vigilis</i>	Desert Night Lizard			
	67 <i>Xantusia vigilis arizonae</i>	Arizona Night Lizard			
	68 <i>Xantusia vigilis vigilis</i>	Yucca Night Lizard			

Snakes

1	<i>Arizona elegans</i>	Glossy Snake			
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	3	<i>Arizona elegans philipi</i>	Painted Desert Glossy Snake			
	4	<i>Chilomeniscus stramineus</i>	Variable Sandsnake			
	3	<i>Chionactis occipitalis</i>	Western Shovel-nosed Snake			
	5	<i>Chionactis occipitalis annulata</i>	Colorado Desert Shovel-nosed Snake			
	6	<i>Chionactis occipitalis klauberi</i>	Tucson Shovel-nosed Snake			
	7	<i>Chionactis occipitalis occipitalis</i>	Mojave Shovel-nosed Snake			
	4	<i>Chionactis palarostris organica</i>	Organ Pipe (Sonoran) Shovel-nosed Snake			
	5	<i>Coluber constrictor mormon</i>	Western Yellow-bellied (Eastern) Racer			
	6	<i>Crotalus atrox</i>	Western Diamond-backed Rattlesnake			
	7	<i>Crotalus cerastes</i>	Sidewinder			
	11	<i>Crotalus cerastes cerastes</i>	Mojave Desert Sidewinder			
	12	<i>Crotalus cerastes cercobombus</i>	Sonoran Sidewinder			
	13	<i>Crotalus cerastes laterorepens</i>	Colorado Desert Sidewinder			
	8	<i>Crotalus lepidus klauberi</i>	Banded <u>Rock Rattlesnake</u>			b
	9	<i>Crotalus mitchelli pyrrhus</i>	Southwestern <u>Speckled Rattlesnake</u>			
	10	<i>Crotalus molossus molossus</i>	Northern <u>Black-tailed Rattlesnake</u>			
	11	<i>Crotalus oreganus</i>	Western Rattlesnake			
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	13	<i>Crotalus scutulatus scutulatus</i>	Northern <u>Mohave Rattlesnake</u>			
	14	<i>Crotalus tigris</i>	Tiger Rattlesnake			
	15	<i>Crotalus viridis</i>	Prairie Rattlesnake			
	24	<i>Crotalus viridis nuntius</i>	Hopi Rattlesnake			
	25	<i>Crotalus viridis viridis</i>	Green Prairie Rattlesnake			
	16	<i>Crotalus willardi</i>	Ridge-nosed Rattlesnake			b

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	26	<i>Crotalus willardi obscurus</i>	New Mexico Ridge-nosed Rattlesnake	LT	*	b
	27	<i>Crotalus willardi willardi</i>	Arizona Ridge-nosed Rattlesnake		*	b
17	28	<i>Diadophis punctatus regalis</i>	Regal Ring-necked Snake			
18	29	<i>Gyalopion canum</i>	Chihuahuan Hook-nosed Snake			
19	30	<i>Gyalopion quadrangulare</i>	Thornscrub Hook-nosed Snake			
20	31	<i>Heterodon nasicus kennerlyi</i>	Mexican (Western) Hog-nosed Snake			
21		<i>Hypsiglena torquata</i>	Nightsnake			f
	32	<i>Hypsiglena torquata chlorophaea</i>	Sonoran Nightsnake			
	33	<i>Hypsiglena torquata deserticola</i>	Desert Nightsnake			
	34	<i>Hypsiglena torquata loreala</i>	Mesa Verde Nightsnake			
22		<i>Lampropeltis getula</i>	Common Kingsnake			
	35	<i>Lampropeltis getula californiae</i>	California Kingsnake			
	36	<i>Lampropeltis getula nigrita</i>	Western Black Kingsnake			
	37	<i>Lampropeltis getula splendida</i>	Desert Kingsnake			
23		<i>Lampropeltis pyromelana</i>	Sonoran Mountain Kingsnake			
	38	<i>Lampropeltis pyromelana infralabialis</i>	Utah Mountain Kingsnake			
	39	<i>Lampropeltis pyromelana pyromelana</i>	Arizona Mountain Kingsnake			
24		<i>Lampropeltis triangulum</i>	Milksnake			
	40	<i>Lampropeltis triangulum celaenops</i>	New Mexico Milksnake			g
	41	<i>Lampropeltis triangulum taylori</i>	Utah Milksnake			
25	42	<i>Leptotyphlops dissectus</i>	New Mexico Threadsnake			
26		<i>Leptotyphlops humilis</i>	Western Threadsnake			
	43	<i>Leptotyphlops humilis cahuilae</i>	Desert Threadsnake			
	44	<i>Leptotyphlops humilis humilis</i>	Southwestern Threadsnake			
	45	<i>Leptotyphlops humilis segregus</i>	Trans-Pecos Threadsnake			
	46	<i>Leptotyphlops humilis utahensis</i>	Utah Threadsnake			h?
27		<i>Lichanura trivirgata</i>	Rosy Boa			
	47	<i>Lichanura trivirgata gracia</i>	Desert Rosy Boa			
	48	<i>Lichanura trivirgata trivirgata</i>	Mexican Rosy Boa			
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50	<i>Masticophis flagellum cingulum</i>	Sonoran Coachwhip			
51	<i>Masticophis flagellum lineatus</i>	Lined Coachwhip			i?
52	<i>Masticophis flagellum piceus</i>	Red Racer			
30	<i>Masticophis taeniatus taeniatus</i>	Desert <u>Striped Whipsnake</u>			
31	<i>Micruroides euryxanthus euryxanthus</i>	Arizona (Sonoran) Coralsnake			
32	<i>Oxybelis aeneus</i>	Brown Vinesnake		*	
33	<i>Phyllorhynchus browni</i>	Saddled Leaf-nosed Snake			j
34	<i>Phyllorhynchus decurtatus</i>	Spotted Leaf-nosed Snake			k
35	<i>Pituophis catenifer</i>	Gophersnake			
58	<i>Pituophis catenifer affinis</i>	Sonoran Gophersnake			
59	<i>Pituophis catenifer deserticola</i>	Great Basin Gophersnake			
36	<i>Rhinocheilus lecontei lecontei</i>	Western <u>Long-nosed Snake</u>			
37	<i>Salvadora grahamiae grahamiae</i>	Mountain (Eastern) Patch-nosed Snake			
38	<i>Salvadora hexalepis</i>	Western Patch-nosed Snake			
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64	<i>Salvadora hexalepis mojavisensis</i>	Mojave Patch-nosed Snake			
39	<i>Senticolis triaspis intermedia</i>	Northern <u>Green Ratsnake</u>			
40	<i>Sistrurus catenatus edwardsi</i>	Desert <u>Massasauga</u>		*	b
41	<i>Sonora semiannulata semiannulata</i>	Variable <u>Groundsnake</u>			
42	<i>Tantilla hobartsmithi</i>	Smith's Black-headed Snake			
43	<i>Tantilla nigriceps</i>	Plains Black-headed Snake			
44	<i>Tantilla wilcoxi</i>	Chihuahuan Black-headed Snake			
45	<i>Tantilla yaquia</i>	Yaqui Black-headed Snake			
46	<i>Thamnophis cyrtopsis cyrtopsis</i>	Western <u>Black-necked Gartersnake</u>			
47	<i>Thamnophis elegans vagrans</i>	Wandering (Terrestrial) Gartersnake			
48	<i>Thamnophis eques megalops</i>	Northern <u>Mexican Gartersnake</u>		*	
49	<i>Thamnophis marcianus marcianus</i>	Marcy's <u>Checkered Gartersnake</u>			
50	<i>Thamnophis rufipunctatus</i>	Narrow-headed Gartersnake		*	

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Turtles						
1	1	<i>Chrysemys picta belli</i>	Western <u>Painted Turtle</u>			l
2	2	<i>Gopherus agassizii</i>	Desert Tortoise	LT	*	b, m
3	3	<i>Kinosternon arizonense</i>	Arizona Mud Turtle			
4	4	<i>Kinosternon flavescens</i>	Yellow Mud Turtle			
5		<i>Kinosternon sonoriense</i>	Sonora Mud Turtle			
	5	<i>Kinosternon sonoriense longifemorale</i>	Sonoyta Mud Turtle	C		
	6	<i>Kinosternon sonoriense sonoriense</i>	Sonora Mud Turtle			
6	7	<i>Terrapene ornata luteola</i>	Desert (Ornate) Box Turtle			
Introduced Species						
1		<i>Aspidozelus neomexicana</i>	New Mexico Whiptail			a
2		<i>Ctenosaura pectinata</i>	Western Spiny-tailed Iguana			
3		<i>Hemidactylus turcicus</i> ssp.	Mediterranean House Gecko			
4		<i>Apalone spinifera emoryi</i>	Texas <u>Spiny Softshell</u>			
5		<i>Chelydra serpentina</i> ssp.	Snapping Turtle			

Status

ESA - Endangered Species Act (Federal)
 LE - Listed Endangered
 LT - Listed Threatened
 PT - Proposed Threatened
 C - Candidate
 CA - Conservation Agreement signed
 * - Wildlife of Special Concern in Arizona (March 1996)

Overall Status Summary

— 152 native taxa; 106 native species
 — 3 Federally listed/candidate taxa = 2% native
 — 12 listed/candidate/WCSA taxa = 8% native
 — 6 introduced species

Notes

Scientific/common names follow Crother (ed. 2000. *SSAR Herpetol.* Circ. Nr. 29), as amended by Crother et al. (2003. *Herpetol. Review* 34:196-203). Where only 1 member of a polytypic species occurs in AZ, the specific common name is given in parentheses, or underlined if included in the subspecific name.

- a - Unisexual
- b - Closed season
- c - Closed season at Phoenix South Mountain Park only
- d - This group is likely composed of several species (Richmond and Reeder. 2002. *Evolution* 56:1498-1513), which may affect subspecies status
- e - Recognition of subspecies in question
- f - *H. t. jani* may also occur in SE Arizona
- g - Subspecific status of Cochise County specimens are unresolved
- h? - No known specimens but probably occurs on the Arizona Strip and/or in the Grand Canyon
- i? - Perhaps enters SE Arizona in an area of intergradation with other subspecies
- j - Some researchers recognize 2 subspecies: *P. b. browni* and *P. b. lucidus*
- k - Some researchers recognize 2 subspecies: *P. d. nubilis* and *P. d. perkinsi*
- l - Presumed native to the Little Colorado River drainage, but has been introduced to other parts of the state
- m - Mojave population (north and west of Colorado River) LT

