

Illinois

Native Species and Permit Regulations



Native Species

Snakes

- Black Kingsnake, *Lampropeltis nigra*
- Coachwhip, *Coluber flagellum*
- Common Gartersnake, *Thamnophis sirtalis*
- Common Watersnake, *Nerodia sipedon*
- Common Wormsnake, *Carphophis amoenus*
- Copperhead, *Agkistrodon contortrix*
- Cottonmouth, *Agkistrodon piscivorus*
- Dekay's Brownsnake, *Storeria dekayi*
- Diamond-backed Watersnake, *Nerodia rhombifer*
- Eastern Foxsnake, *Pantherophis vulpinus*
- Eastern Hognose, *Heterodon platirhinos*
- Eastern Massasauga, *Sistrurus catenatus*
- Eastern Ribbonsnake, *Thamnophis sauritus*
- Eastern Smooth Earthsnake, *Virginia valeriae*
- Flat-headed Snake, *Tantilla gracilis*
- Gophersnake, *Pituophis catenifer*
- Graham's Crayfish Snake, *Regina grahamii*
- Gray Ratsnake, *Pantherophis spiloides*
- Great Plains Ratsnake, *Pantherophis emoryi*
- Kirtland's Snake, *Clonophis kirtlandii*
- Lined Snake, *Tropidoclonion lineatum*
- Milksnake, *Lampropeltis triangulum*
- Mississippi Green Watersnake, *Nerodia cyclopion*
- North American Racer, *Coluber constrictor*
- Plain-bellied Watersnake, *Nerodia erythrogaster*
- Plains Gartersnake, *Thamnophis radix*
- Queensnake, *Regina septemvittata*
- Red-bellied Mudsnake, *Farancia abacura*
- Red-bellied Snake, *Storeria occipitomaculata*
- Ring-necked Snake, *Diadophis punctatus*
- Rough Greensnake, *Ophedrys aestivus*
- Scarletsnake, *Cemophora coccinea*
- Smooth Greensnake, *Ophedrys vernalis*
- Southern Watersnake, *Nerodia fasciata*
- Timber Rattlesnake, *Crotalus horridus*
- Western Hognose, *Heterodon nasicus*
- Western Ribbonsnake, *Thamnophis proximus*
- Yellow-bellied Kingsnake, *Lampropeltis calligaster*

Turtles

- Alligator Snapping Turtle, *Macrochelys temminckii*
- Blanding's Turtle, *Emydoidea blandingii*
- Eastern Box Turtle, *Terrapene carolina*
- Eastern Mud Turtle, *Kinosternon subrubrum*
- Eastern Musk Turtle, *Sternotherus odoratus*
- False Map Turtle, *Graptemys pseudogeographica*
- Northern Map Turtle, *Graptemys geographica*
- Ornate Box Turtle, *Terrapene ornata*
- Painted Turtle, *Chrysemys picta*
- Pond Slider, *Trachemys scripta*
- River Cooter, *Pseudemys concinna*
- Smooth Softshell, *Apalone mutica*
- Snapping Turtle, *Chelydra serpentina*
- Southern Map Turtle, *Graptemys ouachitensis*
- Spiny Softshell, *Apalone spinifera*
- Spotted Turtle, *Clemmys guttata*
- Yellow Mud Turtle, *Kinosternon flavescens*

Frogs:

- American Bullfrog, *Lithobates catesbeianus*
- American Toad, *Anaxyrus americanus*
- Bird-voiced Treefrog, *Hyla avivoca*
- Blanchard's Cricket Frog, *Acris blanchardi*
- Boreal Chorus Frog, *Pseudacris maculata*
- Crawfish Frog, *Lithobates areolatus*
- Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad, *Gastrophryne carolinensis*
- Eastern Spadefoot, *Scaphiopus holbrookii*
- Fowler's Toad, *Anaxyrus fowleri*
- Green Frog, *Lithobates clamitans*
- Green Treefrog, *Hyla cinerea*
- Gray Treefrog Complex, *Hyla versicolor-chrysocephala*
- Illinois Chorus Frog, *Pseudacris illinoensis*
- Northern Leopard Frog, *Lithobates pipiens*
- Pickerel Frog, *Lithobates palustris*
- Plains Leopard Frog, *Lithobates blairi*
- Southern Leopard Frog, *Lithobates sphenoccephalus*
- Spring Peeper, *Pseudacris crucifer*
- Upland Chorus Frog, *Pseudacris feriarum*
- Western Chorus Frog, *Pseudacris triseriata*
- Wood Frog, *Lithobates sylvaticus*

Salamanders

- Blue-spotted Salamander, *Ambystoma laterale*
- Cave Salamander, *Eurycea lucifuga*
- Eastern Newt, *Notophthalmus viridescens*
- Eastern Red-backed Salamander, *Plethodon cinereus*
- Eastern Tiger Salamander, *Ambystoma tigrinum*
- Four-toed Salamander, *Hemidactylum scutatum*
- Hellbender, *Cryptobranchus alleganiensis*
- Jefferson Salamander, *Ambystoma jeffersonianum*
- Lesser Siren, *Siren intermedia*
- Long-tailed Salamander, *Eurycea longicauda*
- Marbled Salamander, *Ambystoma opacum*
- Mole Salamander, *Ambystoma talpoideum*
- Mudpuppy, *Necturus maculosus*
- Northern Slimy Salamander, *Plethodon glutinosus*
- Northern Zigzag Salamander, *Plethodon dorsalis*
- Silvery Salamander, *Ambystoma platineum*
- Small-mouthed Salamander, *Ambystoma texanum*
- Southern Two-lined Salamander, *Eurycea cirrigera*
- Spotted Dusky Salamander, *Desmognathus conanti*
- Spotted Salamander, *Ambystoma maculatum*

Lizards:

- Broad-headed Skink, *Plestiodon laticeps*
- Collared Lizard, *Crotaphytus collaris*
- Common Five-lined Skink, *Plestiodon fasciatus*
- Eastern Fence Lizard, *Sceloporus undulatus*
- Little Brown Skink, *Scincella lateralis*
- Six-lined Racerunner, *Apsidoscelis sexlineata*
- Slender Glass Lizard, *Ophisaurus attenuatus*

Herptile Permits

A **Herptile Special Use Permit (HSUR)** is required of any resident who commits to conducting at least 6 educational programs per calendar year for which he or she is seeking to possess any venomous reptile or other special use herptile species, including, but not limited to, any crocodylian, Komodo dragon, or crocodile monitor lizard.

A **Herptile Scientific Collection Permit (HSCP)** is required by any person who wishes to do research on, take, or salvage non-listed Illinois herptiles. The HSCP will permit, for strictly scientific purposes, the capture, marking, handling, banding, or collection (including hide, skin, bones, teeth, claws, nest, eggs, or young) of any of the herptiles not protected under federal law or the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act [520 ILCS 10], but now protected under the Herptiles-Herps Act. Any collections made must be for permanent donation to bonafide public or state scientific, educational or zoological institutions.

- A **Herpetoculture Permit (HRHN)** is required of any persons wishing to:
- be exempt from his or her possession limits for non-listed native herptile taxa, regardless of whether the permit holder only possesses, or also breeds or commercializes;
 - commercialize any non-listed native herptile taxa that have not originated from the wild in Illinois;
 - breed (either intentionally or unintentionally) any non-listed native herptile taxa.

A **Limited Entry (Nonresident) Special Use Herptile Permits (HLEH)** - Nonresidents seeking to transport, ship or display venomous or other special use herptiles through or within the State must apply for a Limited Entry Special Use Herptile Permit. The permit shall be valid for a specified period that does not exceed 30 consecutive days.

Permit Restrictions

Residents may possess a total of 8 native herp specimens collectively, with no more than 4 per species, without obtaining and possessing either a Herptile Scientific Collection permit or Herpetoculture permit from the Department, regardless of the origin of the species. Young of gravid wild-collected amphibians and reptiles shall be returned to the site of adult capture after birth.

A sport fishing license is required for residents to legally collect any native herp taxon on private land, with the landowner's permission. Collecting herptiles on public lands shall require additional permits. Non-residents may not possess herptiles collected from the wild within this State except for scientific purposes, with a Herptile Scientific Collection permit.

Additional restrictions apply, visit illinois.gov/DNR or call 217-782-6302 for more information.



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