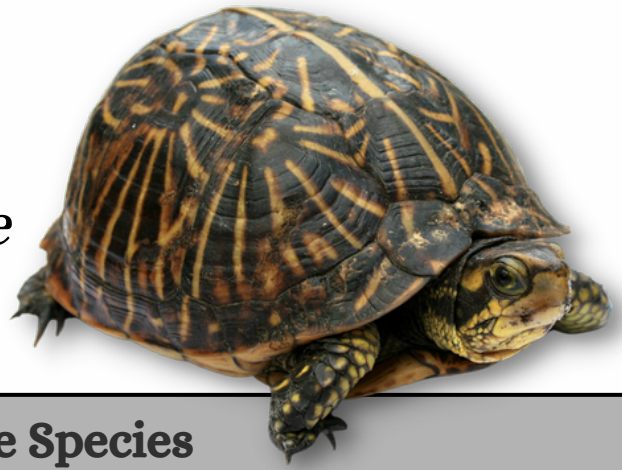


Wisconsin

Native and Protected Reptile Species Regulations



Common Native Species

Frogs:

- American Toad, *Anaxyrus americanus*
- Boreal Chorus Frog, *Pseudacris maculata*
- Bullfrog, *Lithobates catesbeianus*
- Cope's Gray Treefrog, *Hyla chrysoscelis*
- Gray Treefrog, *Hyla versicolor*
- Green Frog, *Lithobates clamitans*
- Mink Frog, *Lithobates septentrionalis*
- Northern Leopard Frog, *Lithobates pipiens*
- Pickerel Frog, *Lithobates palustris*
- Spring Peeper, *Pseudacris crucifer*
- Wood Frog, *Lithobates sylvaticus*

Snakes

- Common Gartersnake, *Thamnophis sirtalis*
- Common Watersnake, *Nerodia sipedon*
- DeKay's Brownsnake, *Storeria dekayi*
- Eastern Foxsnake, *Pantherophis vulpinus*
- Eastern Hognose Snake, *Heterodon platirhinos*
- Lined Snake, *Tropidoclonion lineatum*
- Milksnake, *Lampropeltis triangulum*
- Northern Ring-necked Snake, *Diadophis punctatus edwardsii*
- Plains Gartersnake, *Thamnophis radix*
- Prairie Ring-necked Snake, *Diadophis punctatus arnyi*
- Red-bellied Snake, *Storeria occipitomaculata*
- Smooth Greensnake, *Ophedrys vernalis*
- Western Wormsnake, *Carphophis vermis*

Turtles

- Eastern Musk Turtle, *Sternotherus odoratus*
- False Map Turtle, *Graptemys pseudogeographica*
- Northern Map Turtle, *Graptemys geographica*
- Painted Turtle, *Chrysemys picta*
- Smooth Softshell, *Apalone mutica*
- Snapping Turtle, *Chelydra serpentina*
- Southern Map Turtle, *Graptemys ouachitensis*
- Spiny Softshell, *Apalone spinifera*

Lizards:

- Common Five-lined Skink, *Plestiodon fasciatus*
- Prairie Skink, *Plestiodon septentrionalis*
- Six-lined Racerunner, *Aspidoscelis sexlineata*

Salamanders

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

Sales and Possession Limits for Native Species:

It is not legal to sell native amphibian and reptile species (whether threatened, endangered, special concern, or common) in Wisconsin, regardless of their origin (in-state or out-of-state collection, captive breeding, etc.).

The only exception for sales involves color variants of these native herptile species that have been bred in captivity and have coloration that is clearly distinct from the wild-type morphological color patterns.

A person may collect or possess up to 5 individuals of each native herptile species that are not protected, with the following exceptions:

- The possession limit for both snapping turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*) and softshell turtles (*Apalone* sp.) is 3 statewide.
- Up to 2 milksnakes (*Lampropeltis triangulum*) and 2 foxsnakes (*Pantherophis vulpinus*) may be collected or possessed.
- Up to 2 gray rat snakes (*Pantherophis spiloides*), 2 gophersnakes (*Pituophis catenifer*), and 2 North American (blue) racers (*Coluber constrictor*) may be possessed, but **ONLY IF** legally obtained and originating from out of state.
- There are no possession limits for herptiles not listed as Endangered and Threatened that are atypically colored or atypically patterned (e.g. albinos, striped snakes that are typically blotched).

Special Concern & Protected Species

Endangered

- Blanchard's Cricket Frog, *Acris blanchardi*
- Slender Glass Lizard, *Ophisaurus attenuatus*
- Eastern Massasauga, *Sistrurus catenatus*
- Eastern Ribbonsnake, *Thamnophis sauritus*
- Queensnake, *Regina septemvittata*
- Western Ribbonsnake, *Thamnophis proximus*
- Ornate box turtle, *Terrapene ornata*

Threatened

- Butler's Garter Snake, *Thamnophis butleri*
- Blanding's Turtle, *Emydoidea blandingii*
- Wood Turtle, *Clemmys insculpta*

Other

- Gray Ratsnake, *Pantherophis spiloides*
- Gophersnake, *Pituophis catenifer*
- North American (Blue) Racer, *Coluber constrictor*
- Timber Rattlesnake, *Crotalus horridus*

Permit Restrictions


Permits are issued only for select education, research, and conservation activities.


Endangered and **Threatened** species (including all parts and all life stages) may **NOT** be collected from the wild (dead or alive), possessed, or even touched, without first having a valid Endangered and Threatened Species Permit. Select **Other** reptiles listed also may not be collected from the wild in Wisconsin.

For additional information, visit dnr.wisconsin.gov or call 1-888-WDNRINFO



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