



# L.A.R.E. CHECKLIST OF AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES OF LOUISIANA

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## FROGS AND TOADS (ORDER ANURA) - 32 SPECIES/SUBSPECIES

| STANDARD ENGLISH NAME        | SCIENTIFIC NAME                                | STATE STATUS | FEDERAL STATUS |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Dwarf American Toad          | <i>Anaxyrus americanus charlesmithi</i>        | S3           |                |
| Fowler's Toad                | <i>Anaxyrus fowleri</i>                        |              |                |
| Oak Toad                     | <i>Anaxyrus quercicus</i>                      | S2           |                |
| Southern Toad                | <i>Anaxyrus terrestris</i>                     | S3           |                |
| Gulf Coast Toad              | <i>Incilius nebulifer</i>                      |              |                |
| Blanchard's Cricket Frog     | <i>Acris blanchardi</i>                        |              |                |
| Eastern Cricket Frog         | <i>Acris crepitans</i>                         |              |                |
| Southern Cricket Frog        | <i>Acris gryllus</i>                           |              |                |
| Western Bird-voiced Treefrog | <i>Dryophytes avivoca avivoca</i>              |              |                |
| Cope's Gray Treefrog         | <i>Dryophytes chrysoscelis</i>                 |              |                |
| Green Treefrog               | <i>Dryophytes cinereus</i>                     |              |                |
| Pine Woods Treefrog          | <i>Dryophytes femoralis</i>                    |              |                |
| Barking Treefrog             | <i>Dryophytes gratiosus</i>                    |              |                |
| Squirrel Treefrog            | <i>Dryophytes squirellus</i>                   |              |                |
| Gray Treefrog                | <i>Dryophytes versicolor</i>                   | S3           |                |
| Cuban Treefrog               | <i>Osteopilus septentrionalis</i>              | Introduced   |                |
| Spring Peeper                | <i>Pseudacris crucifer</i>                     |              |                |
| Cajun Chorus Frog            | <i>Pseudacris fouquettei</i>                   |              |                |
| Ornate Chorus Frog           | <i>Pseudacris ornata</i>                       | SH           |                |
| Strecker's Chorus Frog       | <i>Pseudacris streckeri</i>                    | SH, P        |                |
| Rio Grande Chirping Frog     | <i>Eleutherodactylus campi</i>                 | Introduced   |                |
| Greenhouse Frog              | <i>Eleutherodactylus planirostris</i>          | Introduced   |                |
| Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad  | <i>Gastrophryne carolinensis</i>               |              |                |
| Southern Crawfish Frog       | <i>Lithobates areolatus areolatus</i>          | S1, P        |                |
| North American Bullfrog      | <i>Lithobates catesbeianus</i>                 | RH           |                |
| North American Green Frog    | <i>Lithobates clamitans</i>                    |              |                |
| Pig Frog                     | <i>Lithobates grylio</i>                       | RH           |                |
| Pickerel Frog                | <i>Lithobates palustris</i>                    |              |                |
| Dusky Gopher Frog            | <i>Lithobates sevosus</i>                      | SH, P        | E              |
| Coastal Plains Leopard Frog  | <i>Lithobates sphenoccephalus utricularius</i> |              |                |
| Eastern Spadefoot            | <i>Scaphiopus holbrookii</i>                   | S2           |                |
| Hurter's Spadefoot           | <i>Scaphiopus hurterii</i>                     | S2           |                |

## SALAMANDERS (ORDER CAUDATA) - 26 SPECIES/SUBSPECIES

| STANDARD ENGLISH NAME                 | SCIENTIFIC NAME                                | STATE STATUS | FEDERAL STATUS |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Spotted Salamander                    | <i>Ambystoma maculatum</i>                     |              |                |
| Marbled Salamander                    | <i>Ambystoma opacum</i>                        |              |                |
| Mole Salamander                       | <i>Ambystoma talpoideum</i>                    |              |                |
| Small-mouthed Salamander              | <i>Ambystoma texanum</i>                       | S3           |                |
| Eastern Tiger Salamander              | <i>Ambystoma tigrinum</i>                      | S1, P        |                |
| Two-toed Amphiuma                     | <i>Amphiuma means</i>                          |              |                |
| Three-toed Amphiuma                   | <i>Amphiuma tridactylum</i>                    |              |                |
| Catahoula Dusky Salamander            | <i>Desmognathus catahoula</i>                  |              |                |
| Spotted Dusky Salamander              | <i>Desmognathus conanti</i>                    |              |                |
| Valentine's Southern Dusky Salamander | <i>Desmognathus valentinei</i>                 | S2, P        |                |
| Southern Two-lined Salamander         | <i>Eurycea cirrigera</i>                       | S3           |                |
| Three-lined Salamander                | <i>Eurycea guttolineata</i>                    | S3           |                |
| Western Dwarf Salamander              | <i>Eurycea paludicola</i>                      |              |                |
| Southeastern Dwarf Salamander         | <i>Eurycea quadridigitata</i>                  | SU, P        |                |
| Four-toed Salamander                  | <i>Hemidactylium scutatum</i>                  | S1, P        |                |
| Louisiana Slimy Salamander            | <i>Plethodon kisatchie</i>                     | S2, P        |                |
| Mississippi Slimy Salamander          | <i>Plethodon mississippi</i>                   |              |                |
| Southern Red-backed Salamander        | <i>Plethodon serratus</i>                      | S1, P        |                |
| Webster's Salamander                  | <i>Plethodon websteri</i>                      | S1, P        |                |
| Gulf Coast Mud Salamander             | <i>Pseudotriton montanus flavissimus</i>       | S1, P        |                |
| Southern Red Salamander               | <i>Pseudotriton ruber vioscai</i>              | S1, P        |                |
| Gulf Coast Waterdog                   | <i>Necturus beyeri</i>                         | S3           |                |
| Red River Mudpuppy                    | <i>Necturus louisianensis</i>                  | S2, P        |                |
| Central Newt                          | <i>Notophthalmus viridescens louisianensis</i> |              |                |
| Western Lesser Siren                  | <i>Siren nettingi</i>                          |              |                |
| Seepage Siren                         | <i>Siren sphagnicola</i>                       | SU           |                |



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## ALLIGATOR (ORDER CROCODILIA) - 1 SPECIES

| STANDARD ENGLISH NAME                       | SCIENTIFIC NAME                   | STATE STATUS | FEDERAL STATUS |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Alligator | <i>Alligator mississippiensis</i> | RH           |                |

## LIZARDS (ORDER SQUAMATA, SUBORDER LACERTILIA) - 16 SPECIES/SUBSPECIES

| STANDARD ENGLISH NAME                                   | SCIENTIFIC NAME                                 | STATE STATUS | FEDERAL STATUS |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Slender Glass Lizard   | <i>Ophisaurus attenuatus attenuatus</i>         | S3           |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Slender Glass Lizard   | <i>Ophisaurus attenuatus longicaudus</i>        |              |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Glass Lizard           | <i>Ophisaurus ventralis</i>                     | S2           |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Anole                    | <i>Anolis carolinensis</i>                      | RH           |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Anole                    | <i>Anolis sagrei</i> ssp.                       | Introduced   |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sri Lankan Spotted House Gecko | <i>Hemidactylus parvimaculatus</i>              | Introduced   |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean Gecko            | <i>Hemidactylus turcicus</i>                    | Introduced   |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Lizard                 | <i>Sceloporus consobrinus</i>                   |              |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Coal Skink            | <i>Plestiodon anthracinus pluvialis</i>         | S2           |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Five-lined Skink        | <i>Plestiodon fasciatus</i>                     |              |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Southeastern Five-lined Skink  | <i>Plestiodon inexpectatus</i>                  |              |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broad-headed Skink             | <i>Plestiodon laticeps</i>                      |              |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Prairie Skink         | <i>Plestiodon septentrionalis obtusirostris</i> | S1           |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Little Brown Skink             | <i>Scincella lateralis</i>                      |              |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Six-lined Racerunner   | <i>Aspidozelis sexlineatus sexlineatus</i>      | S4           |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Racerunner             | <i>Aspidozelis sexlineatus viridis</i>          | S4           |                |

## TURTLES (ORDER TESTUDINES) - 32 SPECIES/SUBSPECIES

| STANDARD ENGLISH NAME                                      | SCIENTIFIC NAME                            | STATE STATUS | FEDERAL STATUS |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loggerhead Sea Turtle             | <i>Caretta caretta</i>                     | S1, P        | T              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Sea Turtle                  | <i>Chelonia mydas</i>                      | S1, P        | T              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hawksbill Sea Turtle              | <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>              | SNA, P       | E              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle          | <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>                 | S1, P        | E              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> North American Snapping Turtle    | <i>Chelydra serpentina</i>                 | RH           |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Alligator Snapping Turtle | <i>Macrochelys temminckii</i>              | S2, RH       | Proposed T     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leatherback Sea Turtle            | <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>                | SNA, P       | E              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi Mud Turtle            | <i>Kinosternon subrubrum hippocrepis</i>   | S4, RH       |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Razor-backed Musk Turtle          | <i>Sternotherus carinatus</i>              | S4, RH       |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Musk Turtle               | <i>Sternotherus odoratus</i>               | S4, RH       |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stripe-necked Musk Turtle         | <i>Sternotherus peltifer</i>               | S1, P        |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Painted Turtle           | <i>Chrysemys dorsalis</i>                  | S3, RH       |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Chicken Turtle            | <i>Deirochelys reticularia reticularia</i> | S1, P        |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Chicken Turtle            | <i>Deirochelys reticularia miaria</i>      | S1, P        |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ringed Map Turtle                 | <i>Graptemys oculifera</i>                 | S1, P        | T              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ouachita Map Turtle               | <i>Graptemys ouachitensis</i>              | S3, RH       |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pearl River Map Turtle            | <i>Graptemys pearlensis</i>                | S1, P        | T              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi Map Turtle            | <i>Graptemys pseudogeographica kohnii</i>  | RH           |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sabine Map Turtle                 | <i>Graptemys sabinensis</i>                | S3, RH       |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi Diamondback Terrapin  | <i>Malaclemys terrapin pileata</i>         | S3, P        |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern River Cooter              | <i>Pseudemys concinna concinna</i>         | RH           |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf Coast Box Turtle             | <i>Terrapene carolina major</i>            | S3, RH       |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three-toed Box Turtle             | <i>Terrapene triunguis</i>                 | S4, RH       |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ornate Box Turtle                 | <i>Terrapene ornata</i>                    | SH, RH       |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-eared Slider                  | <i>Trachemys scripta elegans</i>           | RH           |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gopher Tortoise                   | <i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>                 | S1, P        | T              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Softshell                 | <i>Apalone ferox</i>                       | Introduced   |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Midland Smooth Softshell          | <i>Apalone mutica mutica</i>               | S3, RH       |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf Coast Smooth Softshell       | <i>Apalone mutica calvata</i>              | S2, RH       |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Spiny Softshell          | <i>Apalone spinifera spinifera</i>         | RH           |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pallid Spiny Softshell            | <i>Apalone spinifera pallida</i>           | RH           |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf Coast Spiny Softshell        | <i>Apalone spinifera aspera</i>            | RH           |                |



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## SNAKES (ORDER SQUAMATA, SUBORDER SERPENTES) - 55 SPECIES/SUBSPECIES

| STANDARD ENGLISH NAME                           | SCIENTIFIC NAME                           | STATE STATUS | FEDERAL STATUS |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Northern Scarletsnake                           | <i>Cemophora coccinea copei</i>           | S3           |                |
| Southern Black Racer                            | <i>Coluber constrictor priapus</i>        |              |                |
| Black-masked Racer                              | <i>Coluber constrictor latrunculus</i>    |              |                |
| Eastern Yellow-bellied Racer                    | <i>Coluber constrictor flaviventris</i>   |              |                |
| Tan Racer                                       | <i>Coluber constrictor etheridgei</i>     |              |                |
| Buttermilk Racer                                | <i>Coluber constrictor anthicus</i>       |              |                |
| Prairie Kingsnake                               | <i>Lampropeltis calligaster</i>           |              |                |
| Northern Mole Kingsnake                         | <i>Lampropeltis rhombomaculata</i>        | SH           |                |
| Scarlet Kingsnake                               | <i>Lampropeltis elapsoides</i>            | S2           |                |
| Western Milksnake                               | <i>Lampropeltis gentilis</i>              |              |                |
| Speckled Kingsnake                              | <i>Lampropeltis holbrooki</i>             |              |                |
| Eastern Black Kingsnake                         | <i>Lampropeltis nigra</i>                 |              |                |
| Eastern Milksnake                               | <i>Lampropeltis triangulum</i>            | S2           |                |
| Eastern Coachwhip                               | <i>Masticophis flagellum flagellum</i>    |              |                |
| Northern Rough Greensnake                       | <i>Opheodrys aestivus</i>                 |              |                |
| Red Cornsnake                                   | <i>Pantherophis guttatus</i>              |              |                |
| Western Ratsnake                                | <i>Pantherophis obsoletus</i>             |              |                |
| Slowinski's Cornsnake                           | <i>Pantherophis slowinskii</i>            |              |                |
| Central Ratsnake                                | <i>Pantherophis alleghaniensis</i>        |              |                |
| Eastern Pinesnake                               | <i>Pituophis melanoleucus</i>             | SH, P        | T              |
| Louisiana Pinesnake                             | <i>Pituophis ruthveni</i>                 | S1, P        | T              |
| Southeastern Crowned Snake                      | <i>Tantilla coronata</i>                  | S1           |                |
| Flat-headed Snake                               | <i>Tantilla gracilis</i>                  | S3           |                |
| Midwestern Wormsnake                            | <i>Carphophis amoenus helenae</i>         |              |                |
| Western Wormsnake                               | <i>Carphophis vermis</i>                  | S1           |                |
| Mississippi Ring-necked Snake                   | <i>Diadophis punctatus stictogenys</i>    |              |                |
| Western Mudsnake                                | <i>Farancia abacura reinwardtii</i>       |              |                |
| Common Rainbow Snake                            | <i>Farancia erytrogramma erytrogramma</i> | S1           |                |
| Eastern Hog-nosed Snake                         | <i>Heterodon platirhinos</i>              | S3           |                |
| Pine Woods Littersnake                          | <i>Rhadinaea flavilata</i>                | S1           |                |
| Harlequin Coralsnake <sup>V</sup>               | <i>Micrurus fulvius</i>                   | SH           |                |
| Texas Coralsnake <sup>V</sup>                   | <i>Micrurus tener</i>                     |              |                |
| Delta Swampsnake                                | <i>Liodytes rigida deltae</i>             |              |                |
| Gulf Swampsnake                                 | <i>Liodytes rigida sinicola</i>           |              |                |
| Gulf Saltmarsh Snake                            | <i>Nerodia clarkii clarkii</i>            | S3           |                |
| Mississippi Green Watersnake                    | <i>Nerodia cyclopion</i>                  |              |                |
| Yellow-bellied Watersnake                       | <i>Nerodia erythrogaster transversa</i>   |              |                |
| Broad-banded Watersnake                         | <i>Nerodia fasciata confluens</i>         |              |                |
| Northern Diamond-backed Watersnake              | <i>Nerodia rhombifer rhombifer</i>        |              |                |
| Midland Watersnake                              | <i>Nerodia sipedon pleuralis</i>          |              |                |
| Graham's Crawfish Snake                         | <i>Regina grahamii</i>                    |              |                |
| Dekay's Brownsnake                              | <i>Storeria dekayi</i>                    |              |                |
| Red-bellied Snake                               | <i>Storeria occipitomaculata</i>          |              |                |
| Orange-striped Ribbonsnake                      | <i>Thamnophis proximus proximus</i>       |              |                |
| Gulf Coast Ribbonsnake                          | <i>Thamnophis proximus orarius</i>        |              |                |
| Common Ribbonsnake                              | <i>Thamnophis saurita saurita</i>         | S3           |                |
| Eastern Gartersnake                             | <i>Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis</i>       |              |                |
| Rough Earthsnake                                | <i>Virginia striatula</i>                 |              |                |
| Western Smooth Earthsnake                       | <i>Virginia valeriae elegans</i>          |              |                |
| Brahminy Blindsnake                             | <i>Indotyphlops braminus</i>              | Introduced   |                |
| Eastern Copperhead <sup>V</sup>                 | <i>Agkistrodon contortrix</i>             |              |                |
| Northern Cottonmouth <sup>V</sup>               | <i>Agkistrodon piscivorus</i>             |              |                |
| Eastern Diamond-backed Rattlesnake <sup>V</sup> | <i>Crotalus adamanteus</i>                | S1           |                |
| Timber Rattlesnake <sup>V</sup>                 | <i>Crotalus horridus</i>                  | S3           |                |
| Western Pygmy Rattlesnake <sup>V</sup>          | <i>Sistrurus miliarius streckeri</i>      | S2           |                |

\*Taxonomy based on Nicholson, K.E. (ed.). 2025. Scientific and Standard English Names of Amphibians and Reptiles of North America North of Mexico, with Comments Regarding Confidence in Our Understanding. 9th Edition. SSAR. 87 pp.

<sup>V</sup> - Venomous; State 'S' Rankings: S1 - Critically Imperiled, S2 - Imperiled, S3 - Rare, S4 - Apparently Secure, SH - Possibly Extirpated (Historical), SU - Unrankable, SNA - No Records in Louisiana

P - Prohibited, RH - Restricted Harvest, T - Threatened, E - Endangered

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