

AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE INFORMATION



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GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Director's Amphibian and Reptile List shall be used by the Department as the bag limits for all purposes of take of amphibians and reptiles.

It shall be unlawful to exceed the annual bag limit of any species of amphibian or reptile listed on the Director's Amphibian and Reptile List for the current license year.

It is unlawful to take free-ranging, native amphibian and reptile species that are Federal or State listed as threatened or endangered.

Nonresidents must purchase and also have in their possession a nonresident hunting license listed in Section 17-3-13 NMSA 1978 required by law for the year in which the taking is done.

If utilizing public lands a Habitat Management and Access Validation and a habitat stamp should be purchased. Both Stamps can be purchased at any vendor or by going online at www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

Methods of Legal Take (*Only the following methods shall be used for the legal, commercial take of free-ranging, native amphibians and reptiles*):

- Collection from road surface
- Lizard noose
- Snake grabbers and snake hooks
- Seines
- Cast nets
- Dip nets
- Field collection, including the use of hand-held flashlights or spotlights, provided the collector is not in possession of a firearm or other implement whereby any big game animal or domestic animal could be killed.

COMMERCIAL COLLECTING:

It is unlawful for any person to take free-ranging, native amphibians and reptiles in New Mexico for commercial purposes without purchasing and having in possession a valid commercial collecting permit.

A commercial collecting permit is required if you collect amphibians and reptiles for the purpose of sale, barter, or profit, or are in possession of the annual bag limit (see Director's Amphibian and Reptile list) or more than 50 of those species with unlimited take of wild-caught amphibians and reptiles.

The Commercial Collecting Permit fee is \$50.00 per person. Permits are valid from April 1 through March 31 of the following calendar year, and must be renewed prior to collecting.

Each person who purchases a Commercial Collecting Permit is required to file an annual report on a standardized form approved by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.



**NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH
DIRECTOR'S LIST
COMMERCIAL COLLECTING OF AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES**

Pursuant to regulation (19-NMAC-35-10), regarding the commercial use of amphibians and reptiles, this list provides information on the annual bag limit of each species of free-ranging, native amphibian and reptile known to occur in New Mexico. Different annual bag limits may apply to different subspecies. Taxa of free-ranging, native amphibians and reptiles in New Mexico that do not appear on this list are prohibited from take.

To avoid negative impacts to populations of amphibians and reptiles in the state of New Mexico, the Director may make changes to this list when the need arises.

<u>TAXA</u>	<u>Annual Bag Limit</u>
Anura - Frogs and Toads	
Family Pelobatidae	
<i>Scaphiopus couchii</i> - Couch's Spadefoot	50
<i>Spea bombifrons</i> - Plains Spadefoot	50
<i>Spea multiplicata</i> - Mexican Spadefoot	50
Family Bufonidae	
<i>Anaxyrus cognatus</i> - Great Plains Toad	30
<i>Anaxyrus debilis</i> - Green Toad	30
<i>Anaxyrus microscaphus</i> - Arizona Toad	10
<i>Anaxyrus punctatus</i> - Red-spotted Toad	30
<i>Anaxyrus speciosus</i> - Texas Toad	30
<i>Anaxyrus woodhousii</i> - Woodhouse's Toad	30
Family Hylidae	
<i>Acris blanchardi</i> - Blanchard's Cricket Frog	10
<i>Hyla arenicolor</i> - Canyon Treefrog	10
<i>Hyla wrightorum</i> - Arizona Treefrog	5
<i>Pseudacris maculata</i> - Boreal Chorus Frog	30
Family Ranidae	
<i>Rana catesbeiana</i> - Bullfrog	unlimited
Caudata - Salamanders	
Family Ambystomatidae	
<i>Ambystoma mavortium</i> - Tiger Salamander	unlimited (aquatic form only) 20 (terrestrial form)
Testudines - Turtles	
Family Chelydridae	
<i>Chelydra serpentina</i> - Snapping Turtle	20
Family Emydidae	
<i>Chrysemys picta</i> - Painted Turtle	5
<i>Terrapene ornata</i> - Ornate Box Turtle	10
Family Emydidae	
<i>Trachemys scripta</i> - Pond Slider	20 (Pecos River and its tributaries) unlimited elsewhere

Testudines – Turtles (continued)

Family Kinosternidae

<i>Kinosternon flavescens</i> – Yellow Mud Turtle	10
<i>Kinosternon sonoriense</i> – Sonoran Mud Turtle	5

Family Trionychidae

<i>Apalone mutica</i> – Smooth Softshell	5
<i>Apalone spinifera</i> – Spiny Softshell	10

Sauria – Lizards

Family Crotophytidae

<i>Crotaphytus collaris</i> – Eastern Collared Lizard	15
<i>Gambelia wislizenii</i> – Long-nosed Leopard Lizard	20

Family Phrynosomatidae

<i>Cophosaurus texanus</i> – Greater Earless Lizard	30
<i>Sceloporus bimaculosus</i> – Twin-spotted Lizard	30
<i>Sceloporus clarkii</i> - Clark’s Spiny Lizard	20
<i>Sceloporus consobrinus</i> - Prairie Lizard	30
<i>Sceloporus cowlesi</i> – Southwestern Fence Lizard	30
<i>Sceloporus graciosus</i> – Common Sagebrush Lizard	30
<i>Sceloporus jarrovi</i> – Mountain Spiny Lizard	20
<i>Sceloporus magister</i> – Desert Spiny Lizard	20
<i>Sceloporus poinsetti</i> – Crevice Spiny Lizard	20
<i>Sceloporus tristichus</i> - Plateau Lizard	30
<i>Sceloporus virgatus</i> – Striped Plateau Lizard	10
<i>Urosaurus ornatus</i> – Ornate Tree Lizard	30
<i>Uta stansburiana</i> –Common Side-blotched Lizard	50

Family Gekkonidae –Geckos

<i>Coleonyx brevis</i> – Texas Banded Gecko	30
<i>Coleonyx variegatus</i> – Western Banded Gecko	30

Family Teiidae –Whiptails

<i>Aspidoscelis exsanguis</i> – Chihuahuan Spotted Whiptail	30
<i>Aspidoscelis flagellicauda</i> – Gila Spotted Whiptail	30
<i>Aspidoscelis gularis</i> – Eastern Spotted Whiptail	30
<i>Aspidoscelis inornata</i> – Little Striped Whiptail	30
<i>Aspidoscelis marmorata</i> – Marbled Whiptail	30
<i>Aspidoscelis neomexicana</i> – New Mexico Whiptail	30
<i>Aspidoscelis sexlineata</i> – Six-lined Racerunner	30
<i>Aspidoscelis sonorae</i> – Sonoran Spotted Whiptail	30
<i>Aspidoscelis tessellata</i> – Common Checkered Whiptail	30
<i>Aspidoscelis tigris</i> – Tiger Whiptail	30
<i>Aspidoscelis uniparens</i> – Desert Grassland Whiptail	30
<i>Aspidoscelis velox</i> – Plateau Striped Whiptail	30

Family Scincidae

<i>Plestiodon multivirgatus</i> – Many-lined Skink	30
<i>Plestiodon obsoletus</i> – Great Plains Skink	30

Family Anugidae

<i>Elgaria kingii</i> – Arizona Alligator Lizard	10
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Squamata – Snakes

Family Leptotyphlopidae

<i>Rena dissectus</i> – New Mexico Threadsnake	10
<i>Rena humilis</i> –Western Threadsnake	10

Squamata – Snakes (continued)

Family Colubridae – Colubrids

<i>Arizona elegans</i> – Glossy Snake	30
<i>Bogertophis subocularis</i> – Trans-Pecos Ratsnake	5
<i>Coluber constrictor</i> – Eastern Racer	5
<i>Diadophis punctatus</i> – Ring-necked Snake	30
<i>Elaphe guttata</i> – Cornsnake	5
<i>Gyalopion canum</i> – Chihuahuan Hook-nosed Snake	10
<i>Heterodon kennerlyi</i> – Mexican Hog-nosed Snake	10
<i>Heterodon nasicus</i> – Western Hog-nosed Snake	10
<i>Heterodon platyrhinos</i> – Plains Hog-nosed Snake	10
<i>Hypsiglena chlorophaea</i> – Desert Nightsnake	30
<i>Hypsiglena jani</i> – Chihuahuan Nightsnake	30
<i>Lampropeltis splendida</i> – Desert Kingsnake	10
<i>Lampropeltis knoblochi</i> – Knobloch’s Mountain Kingsnake	5
<i>Lampropeltis pyromelana</i> – Sonoran Mountain Kingsnake	5
<i>Lampropeltis gentilis</i> – Western Milksnake	5
<i>Coluber bilineatus</i> – Sonoran Whipsnake	5
<i>Coluber flagellum</i> – Coachwhip	30
<i>Coluber taeniatus</i> – Striped Whipsnake	10
<i>Opheodrys vernalis</i> – Smooth Greensnake	10
<i>Pituophis catenifer</i> – Gophersnake	30
<i>Rhinocheilus lecontei</i> – Long-nosed Snake	20
<i>Salvadora grahamiae</i> – Eastern Patch-nosed Snake	20
<i>Salvadora hexalepis</i> – Western Patch-nosed Snake	20
<i>Sonora semiannulata</i> –Groundsnake	20
<i>Tantilla hobartsmithi</i> – Smith’s Black-headed Snake	20
<i>Tantilla nigriceps</i> – Plains Black-headed Snake	20
<i>Thamnophis cyrtopsis</i> – Black-necked Gartersnake	20
<i>Thamnophis elegans</i> – Terrestrial Gartersnake	20
<i>Thamnophis marcianus</i> – Checkered Gartersnake	20
<i>Thamnophis radix</i> – Plains Gartersnake	20
<i>Thamnophis sirtalis</i> – Common Gartersnake	5
<i>Trimorphodon lambda</i> – Sonoran Lyresnake	5
<i>Trimorphodon vilkinsonii</i> – Texas Lyresnake	5
<i>Tropidoclonion lineatum</i> – Lined Snake	20

Family Elapidae

<i>Micruroides euryxanthus</i> – Sonoran Coralsnake	5
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Family Viperidae

<i>Crotalus atrox</i> – Western Diamond-backed Rattlesnake	20
<i>Crotalus cerberus</i> – Arizona Black Rattlesnake	2
<i>Crotalus lepidus klauberi</i> – Banded Rock Rattlesnake	2
<i>Crotalus molossus</i> – Black-tailed Rattlesnake	5
<i>Crotalus ornatus</i> – Ornate Black-tailed Rattlesnake	5
<i>Crotalus scutulatus</i> – Mojave Rattlesnake	5
<i>Crotalus viridis viridis</i> – Western Rattlesnake	20
<i>Sistrurus catenatus</i> – Massasauga	5


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