

**Alligator Lizards**

Madrean Alligator Lizard

**Venomous Lizards**

Reticulate Gila Monster

**Slender Blind Snakes**

Western Blind Snake

**Colubrids**

Ring-necked Snake

Red Racer

Striped Whipsnake

Sonoran Whipsnake

Western Patch-nosed Snake

Gopher Snake

Glossy Snake

Common Kingsnake

Sonoran Mountain Kingsnake

Long-nosed Snake

Black-necked Garter Snake

Narrow-headed Garter Snake

Mexican Garter Snake

Wandering Garter Snake

Ground Snake

Southwestern Black-headed Snake

Night Snake

Lyre Snake

**Coral Snakes**

Arizona Coral Snake

**Vipers**

Western Diamondback Rattlesnake

Mohave Rattlesnake

Arizona Black Rattlesnake

Blacktailed Rattlesnake

**Anguidae***Elgaria kingii***Helodermatidae***Heloderma suspectum***Leptotyphlopidae***Leptotyphlops humilis***Colubridae***Diadophis punctatus**Masticophis flagellum**Masticophis taeniatus**Masticophis bilineatus**Salvadora hexalepis**Pituophis catenifer**Arizona elegans**Lampropeltis getula**Lampropeltis pyromelana**Rhinocheilus lecontei**Thamnophis cyrtopsis**Thamnophis rufipunctatus**Thamnophis eques**Thamnophis elegans vagrans**Sonora semiannulata**Tantilla hobartsmithi**Hypsiglena torquata**Trimorphodon biscutatus***Elapidae***Micruroides euryxanthus***Viperidae***Crotalus atrox**Crotalus scutulatus**Crotalus viridis cerberus**Crotalus molossus*

# Notes

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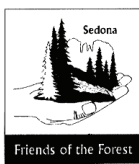


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PLEASE  
LEAVE REPTILES AND  
AMPHIBIANS IN THE WILD  
FOR OTHERS TO ENJOY.

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THE COLLECTION OF HERPS CAN  
RESULT IN REDUCTION OF LOCAL  
POPULATIONS, TRANSMITTAL OF  
DISEASES, AND INTRODUCTION OF  
NON-ENDEMIC SPECIES.



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# Reptiles and Amphibians

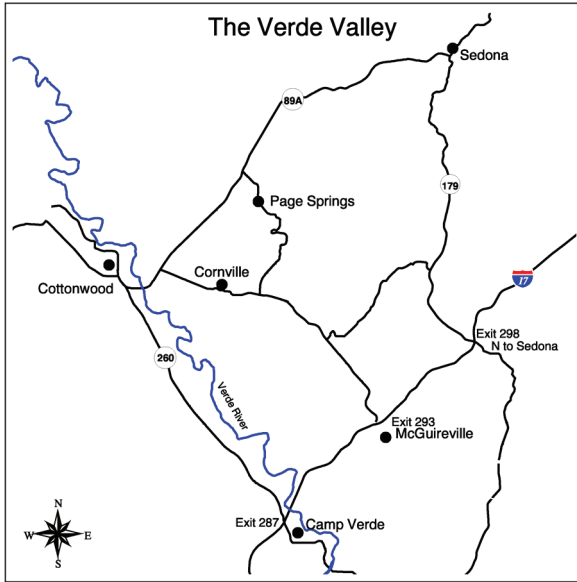


Of the  
Verde Valley

SEDONA, COTTONWOOD,  
CAMP VERDE, AND  
RIMROCK AREAS

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# INTRODUCTION



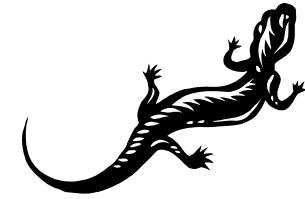
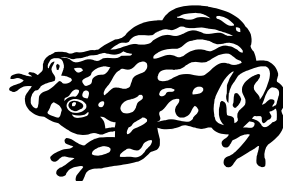
The Verde Valley is defined geographically as the low-lying area surrounded by Mingus Mountain on the west, the Mogollon Rim on the north and east, and Squaw Peak and Pine Mountain on the South. The Verde Valley is comprised of the towns of Cottonwood, Cornville, Sedona, Lake Montezuma/Rimrock/McGuireville, and Camp Verde.

The Verde Valley contains a variety of habitats including mixed conifer, ponderosa pine, pinyon-juniper woodlands, chaparral, Sonoran desert scrub, semi-desert grassland, and riparian. This variety of habitats support complex assemblages of wildlife and plants.

This checklist contains sixty species of reptiles and amphibians (collectively known as “herps”) found within the Verde Valley. Please report sightings of additional species to Janie Agyagos (928-203-7507).

## CHECKLIST

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Salamanders</b>	<b>Ambystomatidae</b>
Tiger Salamander	<i>Ambystoma tigrinum</i>
<b>Spadefoot Toads</b>	<b>Pelobatidae</b>
Southern Spadefoot	<i>Scaphiopus multiplicatus</i>
<b>True Toads</b>	<b>Bufo</b>
Arizona Toad	<i>Bufo microscaphus microscaphus</i>
Woodhouse Toad	<i>Bufo woodhousei</i>
Red-spotted Toad	<i>Bufo punctatus</i>
Great Plains Toad	<i>Bufo cognatus</i>
<b>Treefrogs</b>	<b>Hylidae</b>
Canyon Treefrog	<i>Hyla arenicolor</i>
Chorus Frog	<i>Pseudacris triseriata</i>
Mountain Treefrog	<i>Hyla eximia</i>
<b>True Frogs</b>	<b>Ranidae</b>
Bullfrog*	<i>Rana catesbeiana</i>
Northern Leopard Frog	<i>Rana pipiens</i>
Chiricahua Leopard Frog	<i>Rana chiricahuensis</i>
Lowland Leopard Frog	<i>Rana yavapaiensis</i>
<b>Mud Turtles</b>	<b>Kinosternidae</b>
Sonoran Mud Turtle	<i>Kinosternon sonoriense</i>
<b>Softshell Turtles</b>	<b>Trionychidae</b>
Texas Spiny Turtle*	<i>Trionyx spiniferus emoryi</i>
<b>Pond Turtles</b>	<b>Emydidae</b>
Painted Turtle*	<i>Chrysemys picta</i>
Pond Slider*	<i>Trachemys scripta</i>
<b>Land Tortoises</b>	<b>Testudinidae</b>
Desert Tortoise#	<i>Gopherus agassizii</i>



<b>Geckos</b>	<b>Gekkonidae</b>
Western Banded Gecko	<i>Coleonyx variegatus</i>
Mediterranean House Gecko*	<i>Hemidactylus turcicus</i>
<b>Iguanids</b>	<b>Iguanidae</b>
Greater Earless Lizard	<i>Cophosaurus texanus</i>
Common Collared Lizard	<i>Crotaphytus collaris</i>
Desert Spiny Lizard	<i>Sceloporus magister</i>
Clark Spiny Lizard	<i>Sceloporus clarkii</i>
Southern Plateau Lizard	<i>Sceloporus undulatus tristichus</i>
Tree Lizard	<i>Urosaurus ornatus</i>
Side-blotched Lizard	<i>Uta stansburiana</i>
Short-horned Lizard	<i>Phrynosoma hernandesi</i>
<b>Skinks</b>	<b>Scincidae</b>
Great Plains Skink	<i>Eumeces obsoletus</i>
Many-lined Skink	<i>Eumeces multibirgatus</i>
<b>Whiptails</b>	<b>Teiidae</b>
Western Whiptail	<i>Cnemidophorus tigris</i>
Desert Grassland Whiptail	<i>Cnemidophorus uniparens</i>
Gila Spotted Whiptail	<i>Cnemidophorus flagellicaudus</i>
Plateau Striped Whiptail	<i>Cnemidophorus velox</i>

Species that are native to Arizona, but not endemic to the area and are present in the Verde Valley only because they have been released, are indicated by a pound sign (#). Non-native species that have been introduced into the area are indicated by an asterisk (\*).