

Reptiles of Shenandoah

Reptiles differ from amphibians in that they have dry, waterproof skin and they lay eggs with shell coverings. In addition they have more advanced circulatory, respiratory, excretory, and nervous systems. There are twenty-six of these cold-blooded species found at Shenandoah, including lizards, skinks, turtles and nineteen species of snakes. Reptiles remain threatened by poaching, and car strike in the case of turtles.

This list was compiled using the NPSpecies database in January 2023. You can find the most up-to-date information, as well as expanded definitions of the tags at: https://irma.nps.gov/NPSpecies/.

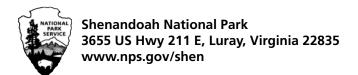
Abundance (Abd): Abundant (A), Common (C), Uncommon (Uc), Rare (R), Occasional (O), Unknown (U).

Season: when species is most easily encountered. Spring (Sp) is March - May, Summer (S) is June - August, Fall (F) is September - October, Winter (W) is November - February.

Habitat: Aquatic (AQ), Cultural (CU), Forest Edge (FE), Meadow (ME), Mesic forest (MF), Rock Outcrop (RO), Shrub/Scrub (SS), Wetland (WL), Xeric forest (XF), Park-wide (PW).

Seasonality (Seas): whether or not a species reproduces in Shenandoah National Park. Breeder (B), Resident (R), Migratory (M), Vagrant (V), Not Applicable (blank).

Rarity Rank (Rnk): any combination of global (G) rarity and state (S) rarity from 1-5. Critically imperiled (G1 or S1), imperiled (G2 or S2), vulnerable (G3 or S3), apparently secure (G4 or S4), secure (G5 or S5). You may also see: inexact numeric rank (?), questionable taxonomy (Q), subspecies status (T), or unranked (blank).



	Season							
	Abd	Sp	S	F	W	Habitat	Seas	Rnk
Copperhead Agkistrodon contortrix	С					CU,MF RO	В	G5 S5
Eastern Wormsnake Carphophis amoenus	Uc					MF	В	G5 S5
Snapping Turtle Chelydra serpentina	Uc					ME WL	R	G5 S5
Painted Turtle Chrysemys picta	Uc					WL	R	G5 S5
Spotted Turtle Clemmys guttata	R					ME,MF WL	R	G5 S4
Black Racer Coluber constrictor	Uc					PW	В	G5 S5
Timber Rattlesnake Crotalus horridus	С					PW	В	G4 S4
Ringneck Snake Diadophis punctatus	С					MF	В	G5 S5
Eastern Hog-nosed Snake Heterodon platirhinos	Uc					ME XF	R	G5 S5
Common Kingsnake Lampropeltis getula	U					PW	В	G5 S5
Northern Mole Kingsnake (<i>Lampropeltis</i> rhombomaculata)	U					CU ME	В	G5 S5
Milksnake Lampropeltis triangulum	Uc					CU,ME MF,RO	В	G5 S5
Common Watersnake Nerodia sipedon	С					AQ	В	G5 S5
Rough Greensnake Opheodrys aestivus	Uc					MF	В	G5 S5
Smooth Greensnake Opheodrys vernalis	R					ME RO	В	G5 S3
Eastern Ratsnake (Pantherophis allegheniensis)	С					CU,ME MF	В	G4G5 S5
Cornsnake Pantherophis guttatus	Uc					CU ME	В	G4 S5
Five-lined Skink Plestiodon fasciatus	R					MF	В	G5 S5
Broad-headed Skink Plestiodon laticeps	Uc					CU,MF XF		G5 S5
Queen Snake Regina septemvittata						AQ		G5 S5
Eastern Fence Lizard Sceloporus undulatus	С					CU,MF RO,XF	В	G5 S5
Red-Bellied Snake Storeria occipitomaculata	С					CU,MF WL,XF	В	G5 S5
Eastern Box Turtle Terrapene carolina	С					ME,MF XF	В	G5 S4
Common Ribbonsnake Thamnophis sauritus	Uc					WL	В	G5
Common Gartersnake Thamnophis sirtalis	С					PW	В	G5 S5
Smooth Earth Snake Virginia valeriae						CU,ME MF		G5 S5