Reptiles

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Tortoise	Habitat	Status
Mojave Desert Tortoise *Gopherus agassizii agassizii*	Creosote bush lowlands in the Mojave Desert Rocky hillsides and bajadas in the Colorado Desert	threatened
Lizards		
Desert Banded Gecko *Coleonyx variegatus variegatus*	Most common in sandy flats; occasional in canyons and rocky areas	common
Northern Desert Iguana *Dipsosaurus dorsalis dorsalis*	Most common on sandy flats, dunes, and washes but also along rocky washes and on alluvial fans	common
Great Basin Collared Lizard *Crotaphytus bicinctores*	Rocky slopes, rock outcrops of gullies, and boulder-strewn alluvial fans	common
Long-nosed Leopard Lizard *Gambelia wislizenii wislizenii*	Open sandy or gravelly flats and plains; less commonly in rocky areas	common
Western Chuckwalla *Sauromalus ater obesus*	Rocky outcrops, rocky canyons, rocky slopes, and alluvial fans	special concern
Mojave Zebra-tailed Lizard *Callisaurus draconoides rhodostictus*	Open areas of sandy and gravelly desert flats, sandy washes, and alluvial fans	common
San Diego Horned Lizard *Phrynosoma coronatum blainvillii*	Northwest section where loose, fine soil with high sand content is present	threatened
Southern Desert Horned Lizard *Phrynosoma platyrhinos calidiarum*	Sandy flats and canyon bottoms	common
Desert Spiny Lizard *Sceloporus magister*	Most abundant in the Joshua tree woodland; occasional on rock outcrops	common
Great Basin Fence Lizard *Sceloporus biseriatus longipes*	Rocky outcrops above 3,000 feet	common
Mojave Fringe-toed Lizard *Uma scoparia*	Wind-blown sand of dry lake beds, washes, and large dunes	special concern
Western Brush Lizard *Urosaurus graciosus graciosus*	Bushes and small trees; also in clumps of galleta grass, Pleuraphis rigida	common
Desert Side-blotched Lizard *Uta stansburiana stejnegeri*	Open, sunny ground Usually some rocks and loose soil are present	common
Desert Night Lizard *Xantusia vigilis vigilis*	Most common in Joshua tree woodland, especially within fallen branches of Joshua trees and yuccas	common
Great Basin Whiptail *Aspidoscelis tigris tigris*	Most common in areas where vegetation is densest	common
Western Red-tailed Skink *Eumeces gilberti rubricaudatus*	Prefers moderately damp areas; northwest section	common
San Diego Alligator Lizard *Elgaria multicarinata webbii*	Prefers moderately damp areas; northwest section	common

Lizards continued	**Habitat**	**Status**
Silvery Legless Lizard *Anniella pulchra pulchra*	Sandy or loose loamy soils with some moisture; northwest section	special concern
Snakes		
Southwestern Blind Snake *Leptotyphlops humilis humilis*	Moist areas in canyons, rocky slopes and boulder piles, and among the roots of shrubs; northern section	common
Desert Blind Snake *Leptotyphlops humilis cahuilae*	Sandy hills and rocky slopes where soil moisture is present; southern section	common
Desert Rosy Boa *Lichanura trivirgata gracia*	Rocky hills and canyons	special concern
Mojave Glossy Snake *Arizona occidentalis candida*	Prefers sandy areas, but also occurs on hard pan or in rocky areas; northern section	common
Desert Glossy Snake *Arizona occidentalis eburnata*	Sandy flats; southern section	common
Mojave Shovel-nosed Snake *Chionactis occipitalis occipitalis*	Sandy desert, creosote bush and dune areas Occasionally in rocky canyons and on rocky slopes	common
Desert Night Snake *Hypsiglena torquata deserticola*	Most common in rocky areas	common
California Kingsnake *Lampropeltis getula californiae*	Found in all communities; most common in canyons with water	common
Red Coachwhip *Masticophis flagellum piceus*	Prefers open areas with high visibility	common
California Striped Racer *Masticophis lateralis lateralis*	Most common in pinyon-juniper woodland; northwest section	common
Western Leaf-nosed Snake *Phyllorhynchus decurtatus perkinsi*	Areas of mixed sandy and rocky soil	common
Sonoran Gopher Snake *Pituophis catenifer affinis*	Creosote bush scrub; southern section	common
Great Basin Gopher Snake *Pituophis catenifer deserticola*	Creosote bush scrub, pinyon-juniper and Joshua tree woodlands, desert riparian community; northern section	common
Western Long-nosed Snake *Rhinocheilus lecontei lecontei*	Creosote bush and pinyon-juniper woodlands	common
Desert Patch-nosed Snake *Salvadora hexalepis hexalepis*	Creosote bush scrub, desert washes; southern section	rare
Mojave Patch-nosed Snake *Salvadora hexalepis mojavensis*	Most common on sandy valley floors; northern section	common
Smith's Black-headed Snake *Tantilla hobartsmithi*	Desert riparian, pinyon-juniper and Joshua tree woodland; creosote bush and alkali scrubs; perennial grassland	common
California Lyre Snake *Trimorphodon biscutatus vandenburghi*	Rocky foothills, canyons, and mesas	common
Western Diamondback Snake *Crotalus atrox*	Areas with fairly thick vegetation; southern section	common

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Mojave Desert Sidewinder *Crotalus cerastes cerastes*	Sandy deserts, occasionally in rocky areas	common
Colorado Desert Sidewinder *Crotalus cerastes laterorepens*	Sandy, south-facing canyons; southwestern section	common
Southwestern Speckled Rattlesnake *Crotalus mitchelli pyrrhus*	Rocky slopes, canyons, rock outcrops	common
Red Diamond Rattlesnake *Crotalus ruber ruber*	Brush shrouded granite boulders and cactus patches; western section	common
Mojave Rattlesnake *Crotalus scutulatus scutulatus*	Desert flats; northwestern edge only	common
Southern Pacific Rattlesnake *Crotalus helleri*	Pinyon-juniper woodland communities; northwestern section	common