

Reference: Amphibians and Reptiles of the Great Lakes Region

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Turtles:

- Blandings Turtle*
- Eastern Spiny Soft-Shell Turtle*
- Painted Turtle*
- Common Snapping Turtle***
- Eastern Box Turtle***
- Common Musk Turtle**
- Spotted Turtle**
- Wood Turtle**
- Red-Eared Slider**

Snakes:

- Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake*
- Timber Rattlesnake
- Black Rat Snake***
- Fox Snake**
 - Eastern
 - Western
- Gartersnake
 - Common
 - Butler's
- Blue Racer
- Smooth Green Snake
- Northern Brown Snake
- Northern Ring-Necked Snake
- Eastern Milk Snake
- Northern Water Snake

Lizards:

- Five-lined Skink
- Six-lined Racerunner
- Western Slender Glass Lizard

Frogs-Toads:

- Eastern American Toad**
- Fowler's Toad
- Northern Leopard Frog***
- Bull Frog*
- Green Frog*
- Mink Frog
- Pickrel Frog
- Wood Frog
- Blanchard's Cricket Frog
- Striped (Western) Chorus Frog
- Northern Spring Peeper
- Grey Tree Frog

Salamanders:

- Blue-spotted Salamander
- Marbled Salamander
- Small-mouthed Salamander
- Eastern Tiger Salamander**
- Mudpuppy***

Newts:

- Eastern Newt***

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The Rest of the Americas

(Information Source: See Species Below for Specific Websites)

Turtles

- Alligator Snapping Turtle
(*Arkive.com*)
- Mata Mata Turtle* (*Arkive.com*)
- Giant Amazon River Turtle*

Snakes

- Western Diamond back Rattlesnake
(*Arkive.com*)
- Green Anaconda (*Arkive.com*)
- Aruba Island Rattlesnake*
(*Arkive.com*)
- Mexican Lance Headed Rattlesnake*
- Cottonmouth (aka Water Moccasin)
(*Arkive.com*)

Lizards

- Gila Monster* (*Arkive.com*)
- Mexican Beaded Lizard*
- Sonoran Black Iguana*
(*detroitzoo.org*)
- Chuckwalla*
- Plumed Basilisk* (*Arkive.com*)

Crocodilians

- Dwarf Caiman* (*Arkive.com*)
- American Alligator (*Arkive.com*)
- American Crocodile (*Arkive.com*)

Frogs-Toads

- Mississippi Gopher Frog*
(*detroitzoo.org*)

- Panamanian Golden Frog*
(*detroitzoo.org*)
- Puerto Rican Crested Toad*
(*detroitzoo.org*)
- Red Eyed Tree Frog*
- Green and Black Poison Dart Frog
Can be seen at* (*Arkive.com*)
- Golden Poison Frog* (aka Golden Poison Dart Frog) (*Arkive.com*)
- Golfodulcean Poison Dart Frog*
(*Arkive.com*)
- Imitating Poison Dart Frog*
- Three-lined Poison Dart Frog*
- Yellow-and-Blue Poison Dart Frog*
- Blue Poison Dart Frog*
- Yellow-Banded Poison Dart Frog*
- Colorado River Toad*
- Waxy monkey Tree Frog*
- Mountain Chicken Frog*
(*Arkive.com*)
- Crawfish Frog* (*detroitzoo.org*)
- Mexican Giant Tree Frog*
(*detroitzoo.org*)
- Wyoming Toad* (*Arkive.com*)

Salamanders

- Hellbender* (*Arkive.com*)
- Axolotl* (*Arkive.com*)
- Slimy Salamander* (*detroitzoo.org*)

Newts

- California Newt* (*detroitzoo.org*)
- Striped Newt* (*detroitzoo.org*)

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