# Reptiles found in Maricopa County, AZ

Maricopa County is located within the Sonoran Desert, an arid region covering 120,000 square miles in southwestern Arizona, southeastern and most of Baja California, as well as the western half of the state of Sonora, Mexico.

Frog/Toad

Bull Frog

Canyon Tree Frog

Couches Spadefoot Toad

Lowland Leopard Frog (Exotic)

Red Spotted Toad

Rio Grande Leopard Frog (Exotic)

Sonoran Green Toad Sonoran/Colorado River Toad

Western Spadefoot Toad

Woodhouse Toad

Lizard

Banded Gecko

Checkered Whiptail

Chuckwalla

Clark's Spiny Collared

Collared

Desert Iguana

Desert Spiny

Earless

Fringe-toed

Gila Monster

Leopard

Night

Regale Horned

Side-blotched

Tree

Zebra-Tailed

### Salamandar

Tiger (Exotic)

## Snake

Black-headed

Black-tailed Rattle

California King

Checkered Garter

Coachwhip

Gopher

Ground

Long-nosed

Mojave Rattle

Night

Patch-nosed

Regal Ringneck

Sidewinder

Shovel-nosed

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Sonoran Coral

Sonoran Gopher

Sonoran Whip

Speckled Rattle

Striped Whip

Tiger Rattle

Western Blind

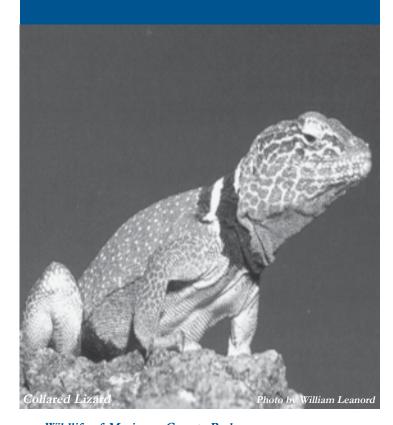
Western Diamondback Rattle

### Turtle

Desert Tortoise Red-eared Slider

Snapping

# Reptiles



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**Notes:** 

National Poison Control Hotline 800.222.1222





Banded Gecko Coleonyx variegates Banded lizard with alternating yellow and brown bands, this 4" lizard is sometimes mistaken for a Gila Monster because of its banded coloring and thick tail.

Chuckwalla Sauramalus obesus 14" lizard of the rocks. Males display a red on black dorsal and straw-colored tails; or black with white flecking. Females are banded earth tones.

Gila Monster Heloderma suspectum
Protected species; proprietary black and orange pattern, having a girth that can measure more than 2" around. Blunt body may reach more than 20". Only venomous lizard in United States.

<u>Lizard</u>, <u>Collared</u> Cortaphytus bicinctores 12" double collar neck markings.

Lizard, Desert Spiny Scoloporus magister Collared neck markings; scales are as rough as a wood rasp. Often makes a soda machine its summer home.

<u>Lizard, Regale Horned</u> *Phynosoma solare* Frisbee-shaped body; short tail and legs. Thorn-like crown of head scales.

<u>Lizard</u>, <u>Zebra-Tailed</u> <u>Callisaurus draconoides</u> Dubbed scorpion lizard; tendency to raise and wave vividly barred, black/white tail.

Coachwhip Masticophis flagellum Fast snake called Red Racer. Various shades of tan, red, pink and occasionally black. Scale pattern similar to a braided leather whip.

Snake, Black-neck Garter Thamnophis cyrtopsis Brown on the body, a yellow strip down its back and dark brown marking behind the head. Lives near water.

Snake, Common King Lampropeltis getula Alternating black and white bands. Reaches about 4' long. Eats other snakes, and is immune to the venom.

Snake, Coral Micruroides euryxanthus "Red on yellow, kill a fellow," goes the rhyme. 20", pencil-thin relative of the cobra, is marked with alternating pattern of rings, yellow-black-yellow-red.

Snake, Gopher *Pituophis melanoleucus*A tan colored body blotched with darker saddles and its defensive tail rattling; mistaken for a rattlesnake. 5' long.

Rattlesnake, Mojave Crotalus scutulatus Similar to diamondback, but with white tail bands about twice as long as the dull black bands. Set of enlarged scales near the snout. Venom very lethal.

Rattlesnake, Speckled Crotalus mitcheli Many colors. Exhibit pattern of faded saddles that change to bands about a third of the way down the body; appears in variations of red/gray. Prefers rocky hills.

Rattlesnake, Tiger Crotalus tigris
Similar to speckled rattler, but marked
with indistinct bands on the full length of
its body. The colors are usually reddish
brown or gray.

Rattlesnake, Western Diamondback *Crotalus atrox* Arizona's largest, usually less than 5' long, and the most defensively aggressive rattlesnake; frequently seen on the trails. Step around it carefully to continue hike. Diamondbacks avoid biting unless closely pressed. Gray, with faded pattern of diamonds. The tail is ringed with contrasting white and black rings. Frequent the flats but sometimes hillsides.

Toad, Couch's Spadefoot Scapliopus couchi Mottled with yellow, the vertical, cat-eye pupils distinguish it from other toads.

<u>Toad, Sonoran Desert</u> *Bufo alvarius* Wet skinned; 7" long. Largest in U.S.

Tortoise, Desert Gopherus agassizii Rocky hillsides and wash banks are habitat for the dome-shaped tortoise.

<u>Turtle, Sonoran Mud</u> *Kinosternon sonoriense* Small, brown-color; near perennial water.

















