



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Reptiles and Amphibians of *Trinity River* *National Wildlife Refuge*

Established in 1994, the 18,000-acre Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge is a remnant of what was once a much larger, frequently flooded, bottomland hardwood forest. You are still able to view vast expanses of ridge and swale floodplain features, numerous bayous, oxbow lakes, and cypress/tupelo swamps along the Trinity River. It is one of only 14 priority-one bottomland sites identified for protection in the Texas Bottomland Protection Plan. This type of habitat is used during migration or nesting by nearly 50 percent of the migratory bird species listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Over 275 species of birds occur in the hardwood forest and associated wetlands in eastern Texas; while over 100 bird species are known to breed there. These forests also support a wide diversity of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and fish including the federally listed bald eagle and alligator.

For more information, visit our website:
<http://southwest.fws.gov/refuges/texas/trinityriver>

This list follows the standard listings in *Standard Common and Current Scientific Names for North American Amphibians, Turtles, Reptiles and Crocodylians* (5th Edition) by Joseph T. Collins and Travis W. Taggart.

Contact the Refuge staff if you should find an unlisted or rare species during your visit and provide a description.

Alligators

American Alligator
Alligator mississippiensis

Turtles

Snapping Turtles
Common Snapping Turtle
Chelydra serpentina serpentina

Alligator Snapping Turtles

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Macrochelys temminckii

Cooters

Eastern River Cooter
Pseudemys concinna

Sliders

Red-eared Slider
Trachemys scripta elegans

Chicken Turtles

Chicken Turtle
Deirochelys reticularia

Softshells

Texas Spiny Softshell Turtle
Trionyx spiniferus emoryi

Lizards

Introduced Geckos

Mediterranean Gecko
Hemidactylus turcicus

Green Anole

Anolis carolinensis carolinensis

Skinks

Ground Skink
Scincella lateralis
Five-lined Skink
Eumeces fasciatus
Broadhead Skink
Eumeces laticeps

Snakes

Water Snakes

Diamondback Water Snake
Nerodia rhombifer rhombifer
Yellowbelly Water Snake
Nerodia erythogaster flavigaster
Broad-banded Water Snake
Nerodia fasciata confluens

Crayfish Snakes

Gulf Crayfish Snake
Regina rigida sinicola

Garter Snakes

Eastern Garter Snake
Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis
Gulf Coast Ribbon Snake
Thamnophis proximus orarius
Western Ribbon Snake
Thamnophis proximus proximus

Earth Snakes

Rough Earth Snake
Virginia striatula
Hognose Snakes
Eastern Hognose Snake
Heterodon platirhinos

Mud Snakes

Western Mud Snake
Farancia abacura reinwardtii

Racers

Buttermilk Racer
Cluber constrictor anthicus

Coachwhip

Eastern Coachwhip
Masticophis flagellum flagellum

Rough Green Snake

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Green Anole Photograph by Garry Tucker

Opheodrys aestivus

Rat Snakes

Texas Rat Snake

Elaphe obsoleta lindheimerii

Kingsnakes

Speckled Kingsnake

Lampropeltis getula hoboooki

Flathead Snakes

Flathead Snake

Tantilla gracilis

Eastern Coral Snakes

Texas Coral Snake

Micrurus fulvius tener

Copperheads and Cottonmouths

Southern Copperhead

Agkistrodon contortrix contortix

Western Cottonmouth

Agkistrodon piscivorus leucostoma

Rattlesnakes

Timber Rattlesnake

Crotalus horridus

Salamanders

Central Newt

Notophthalmus viridescens

louisianensis

Frogs

True Toads

Gulf Coast Toad

Bufo valliceps valliceps

Cricket Frogs

Blanchard's Cricket Frog

Acris crepitans blanchardi

Tree Frogs

Northern Spring Peeper

Pseudacris crucifer crucifer

Green Treefrog

Hyla cinerea

Gray Treefrog

Hyla versicolor



Water Moccasin

Photograph by Garry Tucker

Narrowmouth Toads

Eastern Narrowmouth Toad

Gastrophryne carolinensis

True Frogs

Bullfrog

Rana catesbeiana

Bronze Frog

Rana clamitans clamitans

Southern Leopard Frog

Rana utricularia

Pickerel Frog

Rana palustris

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