

Reptile House 2026

SPECIES	POPULATION STATUS	DIET	NOTES Animals may change habitats as the collection changes
CENTER ROOM			
Green Mamba	Least Concern	Birds, eggs, small rodents	Venomous. Found in coastal regions of southern East Africa. Smallest of the 4 species of mambas.
Axolotl	Endangered	Fish, invertebrates	Found only Lake Xochimilco, Mexico. Unlike most salamanders, never leaves the water. Protrusions on head are gills & famous for regenerating limbs.
Nothern Spider Tortoise	Endangered	Plants and insects	SSP. Found in South Madagascar. Shell intricate pattern
Malagasy Leaf-tailed Gecko	Least Concern	Invertebrates, land snails	When threatened, opens it's bright red mouth & emits a distress call, sounds like a child's scream. Found in Madagascar.
Blanding's Tree Snake	Least Concern	Lizards, birds and small mammals	Venomous Males are black and yellow while Females are Olive Green Can reach over 7 ft. long.
Indian Star Tortoise	Endangered	Plants	SSP. The star tortoise is endangered due to hunting for its beautiful shell.
Burmese Star Tortoise	Critically Endangered	Primarily an herbivore	Found only in dry zone of central Burma (Myanmar). Considered functionally extinct.
Timber Rattlesnake	Least Concern	Birds, small mammals	Venomous. Timber rattlesnakes are listed as endangered in Ohio and are only found in 7 counties. They cannot tolerate cold and hibernate 7 months out of the year.
Northern Copperhead	Least Concern	Birds, small mammals	Venomous. Found in or near deciduous forests, in hilly areas-usually rocky outcrops. Found in Ohio.
Green Tree Python	Least Concern	Lizards, birds, small mammals	Young snakes are brilliantly colored golden-yellow or brick-red.
Kenyan Sand Boa	Least concern	Rodants, lizards and birds	Found in Northern and Eastern Africa in semi-desert and scrub savannahs and rock outcroppings. MLE 15 to 30 yrs. Smallest species of Boa in the world. Average 15 to 25
Spotted Turtle	Endangered	Snails, slugs, worms & insects	SSP. Black shell w/bright, yellow spots. Found East coast USA & Great Lakes.
Barbour's Map turtle	Threatened	Mollusks and insects	inhabit rapid flowing rivers in the Pan Handle of Florida and several rivers in Georgia and Alabama.

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Yellow-blotched Map Turtle	Endangered	insects, crustaceans &	SSP. Confined to the Pascagoula River system, including the Leaf, Chickasawhay & Escatawpa rivers, in southern MS. Each costal scute has an irregular bright yellow or
Hellbender	Endangered	Fish, invertebrates	Common names: snot otter, devil dog, Allegheny alligator
Yellow Headed Temple Turtle	Endangered	Aquatic vegetation.	SSP. These endangered turtles are now more common in parks and temple pool than in their wild habitat hence the name " temple turtle". Found in central and northern
Lake Titicaca Frog	Critically Endangered	Amphipods, snails, insects, fish & worms	Freshwater, completely aquatic. Found in Lake Titacaca (betw. Peru & Bolivia) Loose, baggy skin allows them to breathe under water.
McCord's Snake-necked Turtle CZA breeding for	Critically Endangered	Fish, tadpoles, insects	SSP. Found only on the small Indonesian island of Roti, the population of these turtles is steadily declining and considered critically endangered due to their remote & restricted
Vietnamese/Annam Pond turtle	Endangered	Plants and invertebrates	SSP. Aquatic turtles often use their feet along with their jaws when feeding.
Madagascar Hissing Cockroach	Not listed	Fruit, vegetables & insect	Found only in Madagascar.
Dusky Pygmy Rattlesnake	Least Concern	Small mammals, lizards, frogs, snakes	Venomous. Found Southeast quarter of the United States.
Orient Knight Anole Lizard	Least Concern	Insects, grubs, tree frogs	.Found in Cuba. These lizards have the ability to change colors, depending on their mood and surroundings. Their long, slender tails and sticky toe pads enable them to climb and
Weber's Sailfin/ Crested Lizard	Vulnerable	Fish, insects, plants	Has a striking apperance with a spiky crest and vibrant colors. When threatened, it can appear intimidating to predators by extending its throat to reveal a wide, fringed flap
Green Basilisk	Least Concern	Lizards, insects,frogs, snails, flowers, fruit	Are known for their ability to "walk on water". Because of their agile hind legs and long, wide toes, they can run at top speed for short distances across the water surface. Found
Red- eye Crocodile Skink	Least Concern	Insects and worms,crickets.	Tropical rainforests of New Guinea. One of the few species of Skinks that vocalize when in distress.When startled they freeze and have known to play dead{even when handled).
Guichenot's Crested Gecko	Vulnerable	Insects and fruit	Found in New Caledonia. With the help of a network of hairs on their feet, crested geckos can climb effortlessly in areas where most lizards cannot. These geckos lack scales, and

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DESERT			
Scrub Python	Least Concern	Birds and small mammals	Australia's largest snake up to 25.5 ft. Good swimmers and found near water.
Red Spitting Cobra	Least Concern	Amphibians	Venomous. Found mainly in Eastern Africa. Venom rarely fatal to humans.
Mexican Beaded Lizard	Least Concern	Invertebrates, birds, snakes, small mammals,	Venomous. 1 of 2 venomous lizards in North America.
Ball Python	Least Concern	Rats	Named for forming a tight ball with their head at the center when threatened.
African Pancake Tortoise	Endangered	Plants	SSP. They can wedge themselves between rocks and inflate their body so enemies can't get them out.
Gila Monster	Endangered	Eggs, small mammals, young birds	SSP. Venomous. Only venomous lizard found in the USA.
San Estaban Chuckwalla	Not listed	Plants	SSP. Found only on a small group of Islands in the Sea of Cortez.
Spiny-tailed Iguana	Least Concern	Plants, invertebrates, sm. mammals	Live in large colonies. Have aggressive behavior toward other males. Will change color during display.
Grand Cayman Iguana	Highly Endangered	Vegetation and fruit	Also known as Blue Iguana. One of the longest living species of lizard.
Florida Cottonmouth	Least Concern	Fish, Frogs, small water birds, small mammals	Venomous. Not native to Ohio and are often identified by the inner lining of bright, white skin in their mouths.
Sidewinder Rattlesnake	Least Concern	Rodents and Lizards	Venomous. Found in sandy deserts of the south western United States and Mexico
Banded Rock Rattlesnake	Least Concern	Small mammals, birds, li	Venomous. Found S. USA (AZ & TX) & N. & Central Mexico
McCord's Box Turtle	Endangered	Fish, earth worms, snails	Nocturnal, mostly carnivorous and forage in the water and on land. Native to China. Critically endangered due to habitat loss, pet trade and tradional Chinese medicine.

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Chinese Crocodile Lizard	Endangered	Primarily invertebrates	Semi-aquatic lizard found only in China & Vietnam . Nicked named the "Lizard of great sleepiness". They remain completely still and unresponsive for hours to conserve energy.
Green & Black Poison Dart Frog	Least Concern	Small Insects	This tiny frog, 1.5 inches, is an excellent climber up to 150 ft. in the trees.
Anthony's Poison Arrow Frog	Threatened	Small Insects	Found in Ecuador & Peru. Skin secretes toxins.
Yellow-Headed Poison Frog	Least Concern	Small Insects	Found in Northern South America.
Prehensile- Tailed Skink	cannot be verified	Plants	SSP. Found only in the Solomon Islands.The largest of all Skinks and easily reaches 30 inches.The prehensile tail allows the Skink to grip branches will it eats.
Merten's Water Monitor	Endangered	Frogs, small insects, small vertebrates,	Semi-aquatic rarely far from the water's edge.Can stay underwater several minutes due to nostril valves that close tightly, have a strong sense of smell.
Wet Forest			
Yellow-spotted Amazon River Turtle	Threatened	Plants, fruits, small mammals	This species is one of the most threatened in South America. Both the turtle & its eggs are eaten by people, & this consumption has been unsustainable.
Smooth-fronted Caiman	Least Concern	Fish, small insects, birds, sm. mammals,	Found in Northern region of South America. Both caimans & alligators belong to the family Alligatoridae.
Annam Pond Turtle	Endangered	Plants, invertebrates	SSP. Aquatic turtles often use their feet along with their jaws when feeding.
Malaysian Giant Pond Turtle	Endangered	Aquatic vegetation, invertebrates	found in Indonesia, Malaysia. Heavily exploited for meat and used in Chinese medicinal practice. These threats plus minimal laws regulating and protecting them, have
SiebenRock's Snaked - necked Turtle	Endangered	Fish ,earthworms, frogs, crayfish	Almost as long as its body, this species will use its long neck to strike out at fish, worms and frogs.They are also known to lay their eggs underwater instead of on ground as other
Weber's Crested lizard	Vulnerable	Fish, insects, plants	Has a striking apperance with a spiky crest and vibrant colors.When threatened, it can appear intimidating to predators by extending its throat to reveal a wide, fringed flap
Northern Australian Snapping Turtle	Least Concern	Insects, frogs, crayfish.	Found in the N/NE regions of Australia. Also known as the saw-shelled turtle and the serrated snapping turtle. This aquatic reptile has a unique ability to absorb oxygen

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Fly River Turtle	Least Concern	Aquatic vegetation	Also known as pig-nosed turtle. They have a large, fleshy, protruding snout resembling that of a pig. It is also the only freshwater turtle that actually has flippers, much like a sea
Mata Mata	not evaluated	Fish, amphibians, small mammals, birds.	Snorkel-like snout allows them to lie fully submerged in water while breathing. They are poor swimmers and prefer to walk on bottom of rivers.
Fish in Fresh water Stingray tank	cannot be verified	Algae and plant matter	Often called the suckermouth catfish, these freshwater fish have special mouthparts that allow them to feed, breathe and attach to rocks via suction. Found in Central and South
Fresh water Stingray (Potamotrygon)	cannot be verified	Zoo Plankton Mollusks, aquatic larvae, fish and	Found in Central and South America from Costa Rica to Argentina- Argentina , Brazil, Paraguay.Can be distinguished by their orange to yellow spots surrounded by a black ring.
Alligator Snapping Turtle	Endangered	Invertebrates, fish, shell fish & snails	The alligator snapping turtle is the giant of freshwater turtles, growing to a length of 2.5 ft. and weigh up to 250 lbs.
Rain Forest			
King Cobra	Least Concern	Small mammals, lizards, snakes	Venomous. Despite its reputation as the longest venomous snake in the world, king cobras are actually quite shy and will only attack when provoked.
Madagascar Hognose Snake	Least Concern	Small mammals, lizards, frogs	The hognose snake uses its nose for rooting around in the soil for food.
Coahuilan Box Turtle	Endangered, vanishing	Insects	Only aquatic box turtle. May cross over desert to reach nesting areas. Found only in the Cuatro Ciénegas basin in Coahuila, Mexico.
Green Basilisk	Least Concern	Lizards, frogs,snails , insects, fish , flowers,	Are known for their ability to" walk on water". Because of their agile hind legs and long, wide toes, they can run at top speed for short distances across the water surface. Found
Cape Cobra	Least Concern	Small mammals & lizards	Venomous Shy snakes, grow up to 5' long. Largest snake in Southern Africa.
Carpet Python	Least Concern	Birds, small mammals, lizards	Most widespread python species in Australia. This python is mainly nocturnal and is known to climb trees and shrubs.
Children's Python	Least Concern	Rodents, birds, small reptiles	Found in a variety of habitats such as dry forests, grassy savannas, coastal plains, riverbeds, and termite mounds.

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Yellow-Margined Box turtle	Threatened	Snails, slugs, worms, berries, leaves.	Population is declining due to habitat loss, pet trade, meat, Chinese medicine. Found in Japan and China.
Mangrove Snake	Least Concern	Reptiles, birds and small mammals	Venomous Live in Mangrove forest and tropical rainforests. Nocturnal, rear-fanged snake from Southeast Asia
Blood Python	Least Concern	Small mammals	Found in Indonesia, lives in swamps & forests & is nocturnal. Short, robust snake also called Short-tailed python. One of most colorful of all pythons.
Mandarin Trinket Snake	Least Concern	Small mammals	Despite large, geographic range (Central Asia) Mandarin trinket snake pop. is slowly decreasing due to land development. Forest habitat & trees that are important to their
Striped-necked Leaf Turtle	Not listed	Small vertebrates, crabs, vegetation, fish	Unfortunately, this small, semi-aquatic turtle is quite common in the Asian food, medicine, and pet trades, directly resulting in their population decline and near
Spiny Hill Turtle	Endangered	Snails, worms, insects, leaves, nuts, fruit	Found in China, Japan & Taiwan. They like wet winters & hot summers.
Red-tailed Rat Snake	Least Concern	Small vertebrates	Poached for the shiny skin & body parts for many years, Thai government has placed tighter restrictions on the exporting & killing of these snakes. They are now valued for
Three Stripe Box Turtle	Critically Endangered	Plants, small mammals, birds, insects & reptiles	Found In China & Hong Kong. 3 stripes running the length of their shell.
Ohio			
Timber Rattlesnake	Least Concern	Birds, small mammals	Venomous. Timber rattlesnakes are listed as endangered in OH & are found in only 7 counties. They can not tolerate cold & hibernate up to 7 mo. of yr.
Black Rat Snake	Least Concern	Birds, small mammals	This snake is a farmer's best friend due to the number of rodents it eats.
Northern Copperhead	Least Concern	Birds, small mammals	Venomous. Found in or near deciduous forests, in hilly areas-usually rocky outcrops.
Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake	Endangered	Small mammals, lizards, frogs, snakes	SSP. Venomous. Rare, endangered and isolated into very fragmented habitats in Ohio. Found in low areas around rivers & lakes; wet prairies & marshes.
Lake Erie Water Snake	Threatened-Ohio	Fish, amphibians	This snake is a subspecies of the Northern water snake. It is listed as a threatened species in Ohio due to habitat loss.

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Eastern Box Turtle	Endangered	Plants,flowers,fungus, worms, small	Often hit by cars or taken home as pets, although it is illegal in Ohio. Found in extreme southern Maine through Ontario. Central Michigan and central Illinois to Georgia.
San Esteban Chuckwalla	Not listed	Plants	SSP . Only found on a small group of islands in the Sea of Cortez.
Desert grasslands Whiptails	Least Concern	Insects	Found in South Western United States. An all- female species and reproduce through a process call Parthenogenesis. In this process, an egg can develop into an embryo without
Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake	Not listed	Birds & small mammals	Venomous . Found in S.E. United States, from Florida to N. Carolina west to Louisiana. Largest member of rattlesnake family.
Canebrake Rattlesnake	Not listed	Small mammals & birds	Venomous . Snakes have more muscle pound for pound than most animals. Found in N. Florida, W. Central U.S. to Texas. AKA Timber Rattlesnake.

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Conservation Projects	Website: More information can be found on the Portal or Blog
Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network (WIDECAST)	Widecast.org
Turtle Survival Alliance	Turtlesurvival.org
Ohio Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (OHPARC)	Ohparc.org
Roti Island Snake-necked Turtle Reintroduction	
Ohio Center for Wildlife Conservation (OCWC) *Watters Aquatic Conservation Center *Ohio Hellbender Partnership *Plains Gartersnake Recovery Project	Columbuszoo.org
Eastern Massasauga Recovery Project	emrssp.org
Spotted Turtle Conservation	
Gray (Black) Ratsnake Project	