

Reptiles and Amphibians of the Tenafly Nature Center

Reptiles and amphibians both have an internal skeletal system, lay eggs and are cold blooded; each's body temperature adjusts to the surrounding environment. There are approximately 4,600 amphibian and 6,000 reptile species known to science. The study of amphibians and reptiles is known as Herpetology. Amphibians have smooth permeable skin and include three groups of animals: frogs, salamanders and caecilians. Reptiles have scaly skin and include turtles, crocodylians, lizards, snakes and tuatara. The following is a preliminary checklist of the invertebrates found at the Tenafly Nature Center.

| Common Name | Scientific Name |
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| American Bullfrog | <i>Rana catesbeiana</i> |
| American Toad | <i>Bufo americanus</i> |
| DeKay's Brown Snake | <i>Storeria dekayi</i> |
| Eastern Box Turtle | <i>Terrapene carolina</i> |
| Eastern Garter Snake | <i>Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis</i> |
| Eastern Milk Snake | <i>Lampropeltis triangulum triangulum</i> |
| Eastern Rat Snake | <i>Elaphe obsoleta</i> |
| Eastern Red-backed Salamander | <i>Plethodon cinereus</i> |
| Eastern Ribbon Snake | <i>Thamnophis sauritus</i> |
| Gray Treefrog | <i>Hyla versicolor</i> |
| Green Frog | <i>Rana clamitans</i> |
| Northern Dusky Salamander | <i>Desmognathus fuscus</i> |
| Northern Ringneck Snake | <i>Diadophis punctatus edwardsii</i> |
| Northern Slimy Salamander | <i>Plethodon glutinosus</i> |
| Northern Two-lined Salamander | <i>Eurycea bislineata</i> |
| Northern Water Snake | <i>Nerodia sipedon</i> |
| Painted Turtle | <i>Chrysemys picta</i> |
| Pickerel Frog | <i>Rana palustris</i> |
| Racer | <i>Coluber constrictor</i> |
| Slider (invasive) | <i>Trachemys scripta</i> |
| Snapping Turtle | <i>Chelydra serpentina</i> |
| Spotted Turtle | <i>Clemmys guttata</i> |
| Spotted Salamander | <i>Ambystoma maculatum</i> |
| Spring Peeper | <i>Pseudacris crucifer</i> |
| Wood Frog | <i>Rana sylvatica</i> |