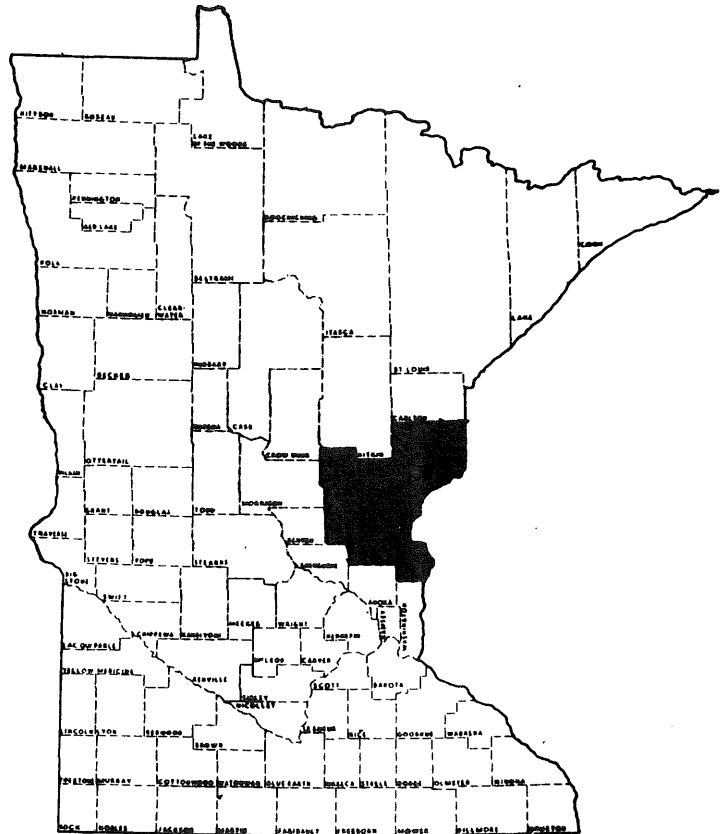
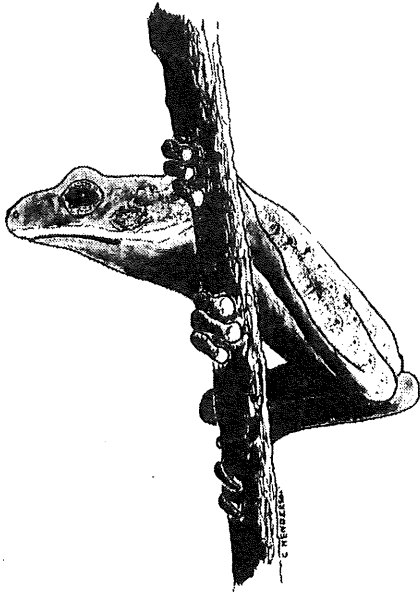


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# Guide to the Reptiles and Amphibians of East Central Minnesota - Region 3E



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Region 3 - East

This preliminary guide has been prepared as a reference to the occurrence and distribution of reptiles and amphibians of Region 3 - East in Central Minnesota. Taxonomy and identification are based on "A Field Guide to Reptiles and Amphibians" by Roger Conant (Second Edition, 1975). Figure 1 is a map of this region.

Counties Included: Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, and Pine.

SPECIES LIST

Turtles

Common snapping turtle  
\*Wood turtle  
Map turtle  
Western painted turtle  
\*Blanding's turtle  
Western spiny softshell

Lizards

Northern prairie skink  
\*Five-lined (blue-tailed) skink (?)

Snakes

Red-bellied snake  
Northern water snake  
Western plains garter snake  
Eastern garter snake } s.s.  
Red-sided garter snake (?) }  
Eastern hognose snake  
\*Western smooth green snake } s.s.  
\*Eastern smooth green snake }  
Bullsnake  
Western fox snake  
Eastern milk snake

s.s. - single species  
(?) - hypothetical species - reports needed  
\* - special interest species - reports needed

Salamanders

Blue-spotted salamander  
Eastern tiger salamander  
\*Red-backed salamander  
Mudpuppy (?)  
\*Central (Common) newt (?)  
\*Four-toed salamander (?)

Toads

American toad

Frogs

Northern spring peeper  
Gray (Common) treefrog  
Boreal chorus frog } s.s.  
Western chorus frog }  
Mink frog  
Northern leopard frog  
Green frog  
Wood frog

Summary

A total of 27 species have been recorded in Region 3 - East. Three species are represented by two subspecies -- the eastern garter snake, smooth green snake, and chorus frog. Four species are as yet hypothetical for this region -- the five-lined skink, mudpuppy, central newt, and four-toed salamander.

Species of special interest include the wood turtle, Blanding's turtle, five-lined skink (if present), red-backed salamander, central newt (if present), four-toed

salamander (if present), and smooth green snake. Any sightings of these species should be recorded and sent to the nongame supervisor.

County records for this region are given on the following pages. If you encounter any new county records, the specimen should be captured and either photographed from several angles or preserved in isopropyl alcohol. Record the collector's name and address, date, county, township, range, section number (or distance and direction from nearest town), and the habitat in which the animal was found. The nongame supervisor should then be contacted concerning disposition of the specimen.

Unless otherwise specified, all county records on the following pages are derived from Reptiles and Amphibians of Minnesota by Walter J. Breckenridge.

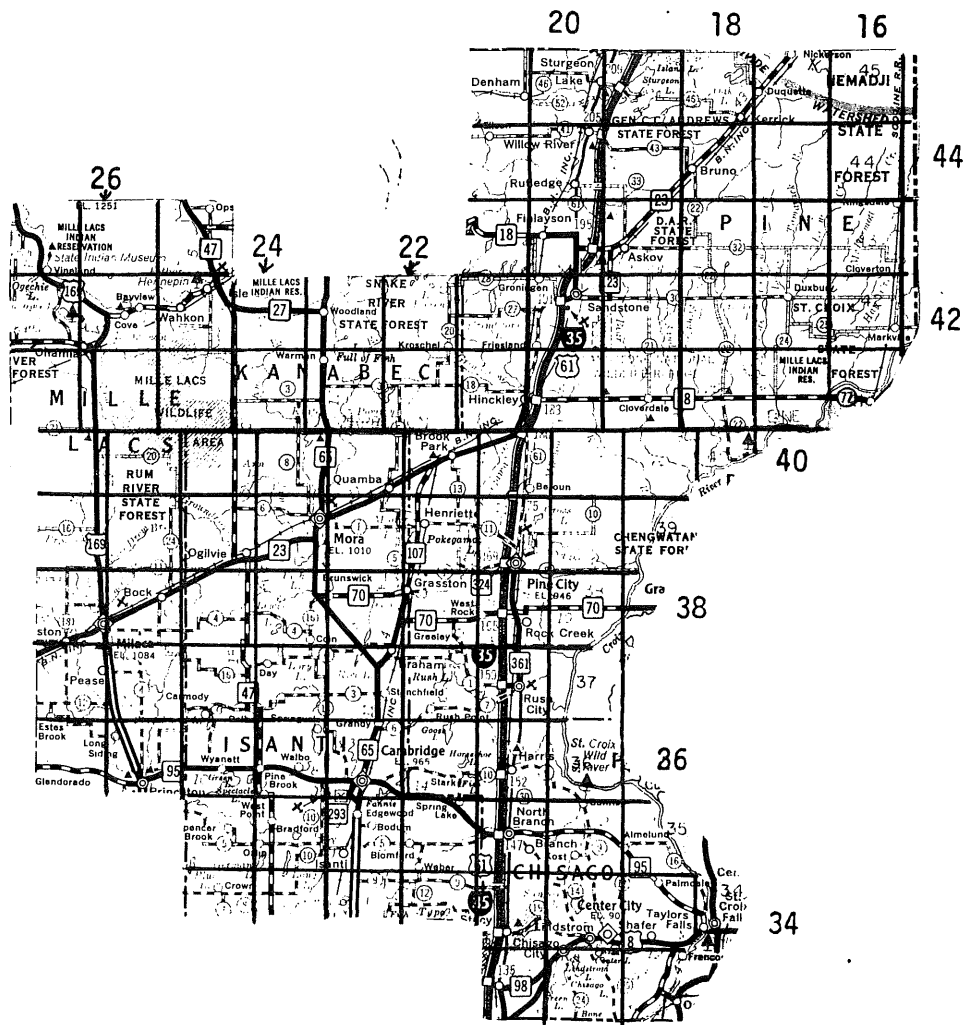


Figure 1. Map of Region 3-East. Township numbers are shown on the right margin and range numbers are shown on the top margin.

Reptiles and Amphibians of Minnesota - Region 3 East

	Mille Lacs	Kanabec	Pine	Isanti	Chisago
<u>Turtles</u>					
Common Snapping Turtle				X	
Wood Turtle			X		X
Map Turtle			X		
Western Painted Turtle			X	X	
Blanding's Turtle			X		
Western Spiny Softshell			X		X
<u>Lizards</u>					
Northern Prairie Skink			X	X	X
Five-lined Skink (?)					?
<u>Snakes</u>					
Red-bellied Snake	X	X	X		
Northern Water Snake			X	X	
Western Plains Garter Snake	X				
Red-sided Garter Snake } (?)					
Eastern Garter Snake } s.s.	X		X		X
Eastern Hognose Snake			X	X	
Western Smooth Green Snake } s.s.			X		X
Eastern Smooth Green Snake }			X		X
Bullsnake					X
Western Fox Snake			X		X
Eastern milk snake					X

	Mittle Lacs	Kanabec	Pine	Isanti	Chisago
<u>Salamanders</u>					
Mudpuppy (?)					
Central Newt (?)					
Blue-spotted salamander	X		DNR X		
Eastern Tiger Salamander			X		
Red-backed Salamander	X		X		X
Four-toed Salamander					?
<u>Toads</u>					
American Toad	X		X		X
<u>Frogs</u>					
Northern Spring Peeper	X		X	X	
Gray Treefrog			X		
Boreal Chorus Frog )	X		X		X
Western Chorus Frog ) s.s.	X		X	Huber X	X
Mink Frog			Huber X	Huber X	
Northern leopard frog			X		X
Green Frog			X		
Wood Frog	X		X		X

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Mudpuppy (?)

Central Newt (?)

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Red-backed Salamander

Four-toed Salamander

Toads

American Toad

Frogs

Northern Spring Peeper

Gray Treefrog

Boreal Chorus Frog )  
Western Chorus Frog ) s.s.

Mink Frog

Northern leopard frog

Green Frog

Wood Frog