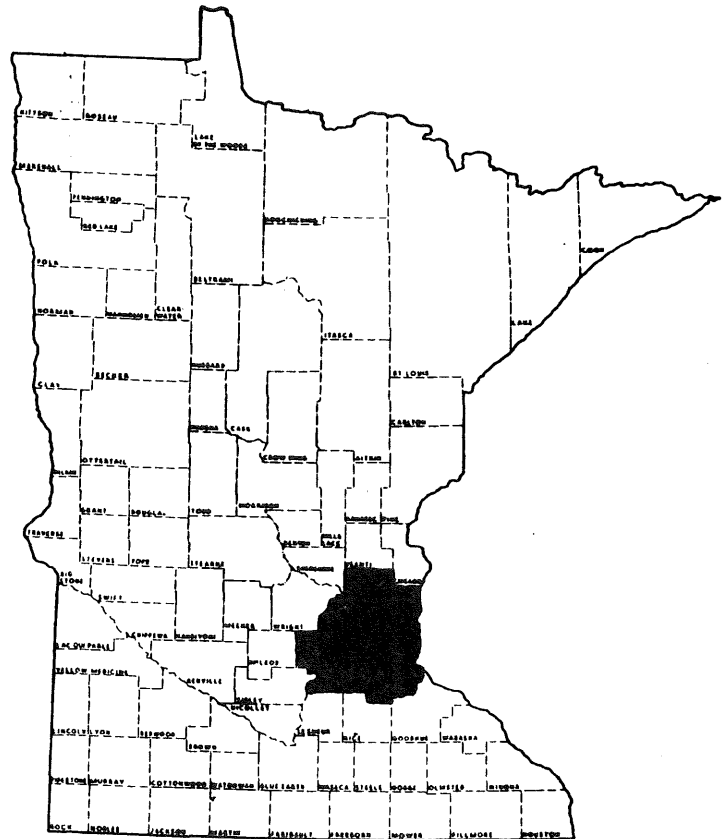
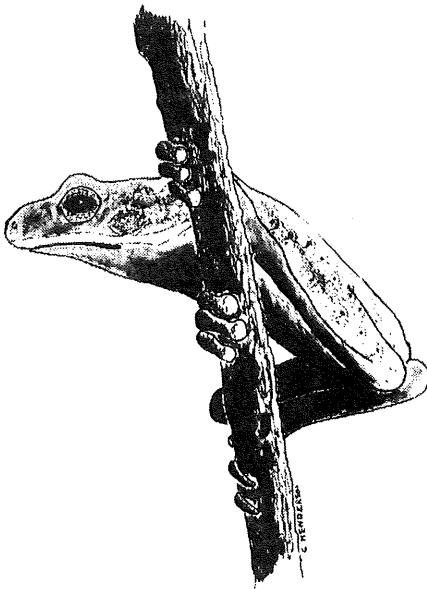


Guide to the Reptiles and Amphibians of Metropolitan Minnesota- Region 6



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Guide to the Herpetofauna of Metropolitan Minnesota
Region 6

This preliminary guide has been prepared as a reference to the occurrence and distribution of reptiles and amphibians of Region 6 in the Metropolitan area of St. Paul and Minneapolis, 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 the region.

Counties Included: Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

SPECIES LIST

Turtles

Common snapping turtle
*Wood turtle
*False map turtle
Map turtle
Western painted turtle
*Blanding's turtle
Smooth softshell
Western spiny softshell

Lizards

Northern prairie skink
*Six-lined racerunner

Snakes

Red-bellied snake
Texas brown (DeKay's) snake
Northern water snake
Western plains garter snake
Red-sided garter snake } s.s.
Eastern garter snake }
Plains western hognose snake
*Blue racer
*Western smooth green snake
Bullsnake
Western fox snake
Eastern milk snake

Salamanders

Mudpuppy
*Central (Common) newt
Blue-spotted salamander
Eastern tiger 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

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

Summary

A total of 34 species have been recorded in Region 6. Two subspecies exist for the eastern garter snake and chorus frog.

Species of special interest in this region include the wood turtle, false map turtle, Blanding's turtle, six-lined racerunner, central newt, blue racer, and western smooth green snake. Any sightings of these species should be documented 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. The best identification record for frogs and toads is a recording of the call. Record the collector's name and address, date, county, township, range, section number (or distance and direction from the nearest town), and the habitat in which the animal was found. The nongame supervisor should be contacted concerning disposition of specimens.

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

Reptiles and Amphibians of Minnesota - Region 6

Turtles

- Common Snapping Turtle
- Wood Turtle
- False Map Turtle
- Map Turtle
- Western Painted Turtle
- Blanding's Turtle
- Smooth Softshell
- Western Spiny Softshell

Lizards

- Northern Prairie Skink
- Six-lined Racerunner

Snakes

- Red-bellied Snake
- Texas Brown Snake
- Northern Water Snake
- Western Plains Garter Snake
- Red-sided Garter Snake)
- Eastern Garter Snake) s.s.
- Plains Western Hognose Snake
- Eastern Hognose Snake
- Blue Racer
- Western Smooth Green Snake

	Scott	Dakota	Carver	Hennepin	Ramsey	Washington	Anoka
Common Snapping Turtle	X	X		X	X	X	X
Wood Turtle				X			
False Map Turtle						X	
Map Turtle				X		X	
Western Painted Turtle	X	X		X	X	X	
Blanding's Turtle		X		X	X	DNR X	X
Smooth Softshell				X			
Western Spiny Softshell		X		X	X	X	X
Northern Prairie Skink	X	X		X	X	X	X
Six-lined Racerunner					X	X	
Red-bellied Snake	X	X		X	X	X	X
Texas Brown Snake	X		X	X			
Northern Water Snake	X	X		X		X	
Western Plains Garter Snake	X	X		X	X	X	X
Red-sided Garter Snake)	X	X		X			X
Eastern Garter Snake) s.s.	X	X		X	X	X	X
Plains Western Hognose Snake					X		X
Eastern Hognose Snake	X					X	X
Blue Racer		X				X	X
Western Smooth Green Snake	X	X		X	X	X	X

Snakes - Continued

Bullsnake

Western fox snake

Eastern milk snake

Salamanders

Mudpuppy

Central Newt

Blue-spotted salamander

Eastern Tiger Salamander

Toads

American Toad

Frogs

Northern spring peeper

Gray treefrog

Boreal chorus frog)

Western chorus frog)

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Mink frog

Northern leopard frog

Green frog

Wood frog

	Scott	Dakota	Carver	Hennepin	Ramsey	Washington	Anoka
Bullsnake	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Western fox snake		X		X	X	X	
Eastern milk snake	X	X		X	X	X	
Mudpuppy	X	X				X	
Central Newt				X			
Blue-spotted salamander				X			
Eastern Tiger Salamander	X	X		X	X	X	X
American Toad		X		X	X	X	X
Northern spring peeper				X			X
Gray treefrog				X	X	X	X
Boreal chorus frog)	X	X		X	X	X	X
Western chorus frog)	X	X		X	X	X	X
Mink frog					X		
Northern leopard frog	X	X		X	X	X	X
Green frog		X		X	X	X	X
Wood frog	X			X		X	X