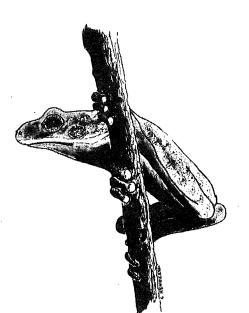
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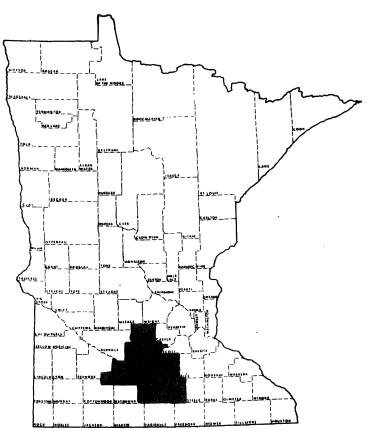
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Guide to the Reptiles and Amphibians of South Central Minnesota-

Region 4E





Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Guide to the Herpetofauna of Southwest Minnesota

Region 4 - East

This preliminary guide has been prepared as a reference to the occurrence and distribution of reptiles and amphibians of Region 4 - East of Southwest 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.

<u>Counties Included</u>: Blue Earth, Brown, LeSueur, McLeod, Nicollet, Sibley and Waseca.

SPECIES LIST

Turtles

Snapping turtle *False map turtle Western painted turtle Smooth softshell Western spiny softshell Map turtle

Lizards

Northern prairie skink

Snakes

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

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

Summary

A total of 20 species have been recorded in Region 4 - East. Three species are represented by two subspecies -- the chorus frog, plains garter snake, and common garter snake.

Salamanders

Mudpuppy Eastern tiger salamander *Red-backed salamander (?)

Toads

American toad

Frogs

Boreal chorus frog s.s. Western chorus frog Northern leopard frog Species of special interest include the falso map turtle, map turtle, redbacked salamander (if present), blue racer, and western smooth green snake (if present). Records are also needed to document the presence of the red-bellied snake and the bullsnake. 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 speciman 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 be contacted concerning disposition of specimens.

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

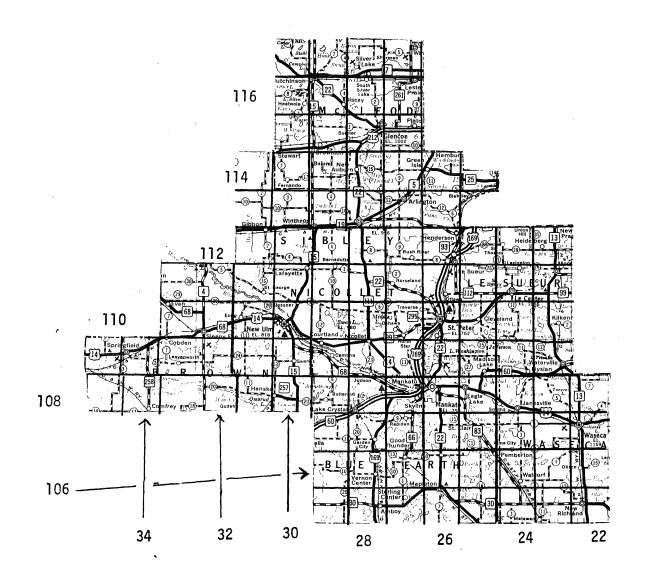


Figure 1. Map of Region 4-East. Township numbers are shown in the left margin and range numbers are shown on the bottom margin.

	Waseca	Blue Earth	LeSueur	Nicollet	Sibley	Brown	McLeod
Salamanders							
Mudpuppy				 		X	
Eastern Tiger Salamander				Huber X			n i na incin
Toads							
American Toad		Х	X				Х
Frogs							
Boreal chorus frog)							X
) s.s. Western chorus frog)							X
Northern leopard frog	x	х	Х			Х	х

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<u>Turtles</u>	Waseca	2 Blue Earth	LeSueur	Nicollet	Sibley	Brown	McLeod
Map Turtle		DNR X					
Common Snapping Turtle			Х				<u>x</u>
False Map Turtle				DNR X		X	
Western Painted Turtle			X				<u> </u>
Smooth Softshell	1000 - 100 - 100 - 100 - 100 - 100 - 100 - 100 - 100 - 100 - 100 - 100 - 100 - 100 - 100 - 100 - 100 - 100 - 100	X					
Westerņ Spiny Softshell		X	Х			X	
Lizards							
Northern Prairie Skink					- 11- 73- 2 - A- 7- 5- 6-		<u>x</u>
<u>Snakes</u>							
Red-bellied Snake (?)	an ang tang-ang ang ang ang ang ang ang ang ang ang						
Texas Brown Snake	X	X					<u>x</u>
Northern Water Snake		X					
Western Plains Garter Snake)	Carallel and a state of the state	X	X	<u>,</u> X		Х	
)s.s. Eastern Plains Garter Snake)	Partners						
Red-sided Garter Snake)				Х			
) s.s. Eastern Garter Snake)			Х				
Plains Western Hognose Snake						X	
Blue Racer			Х				
Western Smooth Green Snake (?)							
Bullsnake (?)							
Western fox snake				X			
Eastern milk snake		Х	x			DNR X	