

Welcome to the Herps of Texas Website



Photo by Travis J. LaDuc

Texas is home to over 225 species of reptiles and amphibians. Our website contains species accounts and distribution maps for every species.

If you are a new user to the site, welcome! If you're a repeat visitor, we hope that you'll find the additions and improvements to our updated site useful.

We are continuing to make improvements to it, including new photos, particularly of turtles. We will also add interactive distribution maps and a web-interface for user-submitted occurrence records/photos.

We welcome any comments or suggestions.

About the Herps of Texas website

Why "Herps of Texas"?

Herpetology is the study of reptiles and amphibians. "Herps" is a nickname for reptiles and amphibians; herpers are people interested in "herps". Since you are visiting this site, maybe you're a herper too!

County distribution maps were based on James Dixon's 1987 "Amphibians and Reptiles of Texas" (Texas A&M Press). Current distributions are based on Dixon's 2000 2nd edition and 2013 3rd edition of "Amphibians and Reptiles of Texas," as well as published range extensions through Dec 2012. In most cases, county records are based on actual museum voucher specimens; occasionally, in cases of sensitive species or protected areas, high quality photos are submitted and cataloged into museum collections as documentation of a given species' presence at a site.

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Salamanders of Texas

Common Name	Scientific Name	Family		
Spotted Salamander	<i>Ambystoma maculatum</i>	Ambystomatidae		
Marbled Salamander	<i>Ambystoma opacum</i>	Ambystomatidae		
Mole Salamander	<i>Ambystoma talpoideum</i>	Ambystomatidae		
Small-mouthed Salamander	<i>Ambystoma texanum</i>	Ambystomatidae		
Tiger Salamander	<i>Ambystoma tigrinum</i>	Ambystomatidae		
Three-toed Salamander	<i>Amphiuma tridactylum</i>	Amphiumidae		
Southern Dusky Salamander	<i>Desmognathus auriculatus</i>	Plethodontidae		
Salado Salamander	<i>Eurycea chisholmensis</i>	Plethodontidae		
Cascade Caverns Salamander	<i>Eurycea latitans</i>	Plethodontidae		
San Marcos Salamander	<i>Eurycea nana</i>	Plethodontidae		
Georgetown Salamander	<i>Eurycea naufragia</i>	Plethodontidae		
Texas Salamander	<i>Eurycea neotenes</i>	Plethodontidae		
Dwarf Salamander	<i>Eurycea quadridigitata</i>	Plethodontidae		
Texas Blind Salamander	<i>Eurycea rathbuni</i>	Plethodontidae		
Blanco Blind Salamander	<i>Eurycea robusta</i>	Plethodontidae		
Barton Springs Salamander	<i>Eurycea sosorum</i>	Plethodontidae		
Jollyville Plateau Salamander	<i>Eurycea tonkawae</i>	Plethodontidae		

				
Comal Blind Salamander	<i>Eurycea tridentifera</i>	Plethodontidae		
Valdina Farms Salamander	<i>Eurycea troglodytes</i>	Plethodontidae		
Austin Blind Salamander	<i>Eurycea waterlooensis</i>	Plethodontidae		
Western Slimy Salamander	<i>Plethodon albagula</i>	Plethodontidae		
Southern Red-backed Salamander	<i>Plethodon serratus</i>	Plethodontidae		
Gulf Coast Waterdog	<i>Necturus beyeri</i>	Proteidae		
Black-spotted Newt	<i>Notophthalmus meridionalis</i>	Salamandridae		
Eastern Newt	<i>Notophthalmus viridescens</i>	Salamandridae		
Lesser Siren	<i>Siren intermedia</i>	Sirenidae		