

# Midwest Priority Species (RSGCN): Reptiles

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The following reptile species were identified as Regional Species of Greatest Conservation Need (RSGCN) through a collaborative assessment process carried out by the Midwest Landscape Initiative At-Risk Species Working Group. "Regional Stewardship Responsibility" refers to the portion of a species' range in the Midwest relative to North America as a whole. Additional details of this assessment can be found at:

<https://www.mlimidwest.org/midwest-regional-species-of-greatest-conservation-need/>

## Very High Concern

Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Listing Status*	Midwest State Range	Regional Stewardship Responsibility
<i>Nerodia erythrogaster neglecta</i>	Plain-bellied Watersnake (Copperbelly pop.)	T	IL IN MI	100% (MAFWA Endemic)
<i>Heterodon gloydi</i>	Dusty Hog-nosed Snake		IL KS MO	25-50%
<i>Sistrurus catenatus</i>	Eastern Massasauga	T	IA IL IN MI MN MO OH WI	75-100%

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<i>Sistrurus tergeminus</i>	Western Massasauga		IA KS MO NE	25-50%
<i>Opheodrys vernalis</i>	Smooth Greensnake		IA IL IN KS MI MN MO ND NE OH SD WI	50-75%
<i>Clonophis kirtlandii</i>	Kirtland's Snake		IL IN KY MI MO OH	75-100%
<i>Glyptemys insculpta</i>	Wood Turtle	Under Review	IA MI MN WI	25-50%
<i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>	Blanding's Turtle	Under Review	IA IL IN MI MN MO NE OH SD WI	75-100%
<i>Clemmys guttata</i>	Spotted Turtle	Under Review	IL IN MI OH	25-50%
<i>Kinosternon flavescens</i>	Yellow Mud Turtle (Illinois/Missouri/Iowa pop.)		IA IL KS MO NE	<25%

\*Federal Listing Status Categories: **T** = Listed Threatened; **E** = Listed Endangered; **PT** = Proposed Threatened; **PE** = Proposed Endangered; **DL** = Delisted; **XN** = experimental non-essential population

## Moderate Concern

Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Listing Status*	Midwest State Range	Regional Stewardship Responsibility
<i>Crotalus horridus</i>	Timber Rattlesnake		IA IL IN KS KY MN MO NE OH WI	25-50%
<i>Storeria occipitomaculata pahasapae</i>	Red-bellied Snake (Black Hills pop.)		SD	50-75%
<i>Thamnophis butleri</i>	Butler's Gartersnake		IN MI OH WI	75-100%
<i>Heterodon nasicus</i>	Plains Hog-nosed Snake		IA IL KS MN MO ND NE SD	50-75%
<i>Nerodia sipedon insularum</i>	Lake Erie Watersnake	DL	OH	100% (MAFWA Endemic)
<i>Pantherophis gloydi</i>	Eastern Foxsnake (Great Lakes pop.)		MI OH	100% (MAFWA Endemic)