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Checklist of

blunt-nosed leopard lizard



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Amphibians and Reptiles

Carrizo Plain National Monument
San Luis Obispo County, California

Amphibians and Reptiles of the Carrizo Plain National Monument

This checklist includes 26 species, which currently occur within the Carrizo Plain National Monument. Also included are two species (indicated with a "?") which may occur in the Carrizo Plain National Monument, but have not yet been verified.

This checklist can best be used with a field guide to amphibians and reptiles that provides identification and natural history information. Species common and scientific names generally follow Laudenslayer and Grenfell (1983).

The Carrizo Plain National Monument encompasses a variety of habitat types. The major habitat types include Juniper, Mixed Scrubland, Alkali Desert Scrub, and Annual Grassland. The habitat classification used in this checklist is based on A Guide to Wildlife Habitats of California (Mayer and Laudenslayer 1988) and Preliminary Descriptions of the Terrestrial Natural Communities of California (Holland 1988).

Habitat Types of the Carrizo Plain National Monument

Juniper (JUN) - Includes Juniper Oak Cismontane Woodland and Cismontane Juniper Woodland and Scrub. A dense to open woodland characterized by scattered junipers, oaks, low shrubs, and non-native annual grasses. Found in higher elevations of the Temblor and Caliente Ranges.

Mixed Scrubland (MSC) - Includes Upper Sonoran Subshrub Scrub. A low drought tolerant shrub land which includes ephedra, golden bush, and others along with native and non-native annuals. Found on the Elkhorn Plain and lower elevations of the Caliente Range.

Alkali Desert Scrub (ASC) - Includes Valley Sink Scrub, Valley Saltbush Scrub and Interior Coast Range Saltbush Scrub. A low shrub land dominated by iodine bush or saltbush, native and non-native annual grasses. From the margins of Soda Lake to the foothills of the Temblor and Caliente Ranges.

Annual Grassland (AGS) - Includes non-native grassland.

Non-native annual grassland dominated by bromes, filaree, and schismus. Found mainly in the central portion of the Carrizo Plain National Monument.

KEY TO CODE

JUN - Juniper
 ASC-Alkali Desert Scrub
 MSC-Mixed Scrubland
 AGS-Annual Grassland
 C - Common in appropriate habitat.
 U - Uncommon in appropriate habitat.
 R - Rare, observed only a few times.
 ? - Possibly occurs.
 ** - Non-native species.
 # - State or federally listed species.

Amphibians

	Habitat	Occurrence
<u>Salamanders - ORDER Caudata</u>		
Lungless Salamanders - Family Plethodontidae		
Black-bellied Slender Salamander		C
<i>Batrachoseps nigriventris</i>	JUN/MS	
<u>Frogs and Toads - ORDER Sallentia</u>		
Spadefoot Toads - Family Pelobatidae		
Western Spadefoot Toad	MSC/ASC/AG	C
<i>Spea (Scaphiopus) hammondi</i>		
True Toads - Family Bufonidae		
Pacific Tree Frog	JUN/MS/ASC/AGS	C
<i>Pseudacris (Hyla) regilla</i>		

Reptiles

Pictured: Western Rattlesnake
Crotalus viridis

Photo taken by Mike Ayers, BLM



Lizards & Snakes - ORDER Squamata

Iguanids - Family Iguanidae		
Blunt-nosed Leopard Lizard #	MSC/ASC/AGS	C
<i>Gambelia sila</i>		
Western Fence Lizard	JUN/MS	C
<i>Sceloporus occidentalis</i>		
Side-blotched Lizard	JUN/MS/ASC/AGS	C
<i>Uta stansburiana</i>	GS	

	Habitat	Occurrence
Night Lizards - Family Xantusiidae		
Desert Night Lizard	JUN/MS/ASC	C
<i>Xantusia vigilis</i>		
Skinks - Family Scincidae		
Western Skink	JUN/MS/AGS	C
<i>Eumeces skiltonianus</i>		
Gilbert's Skink	JUN/MS/AGS	U
<i>Eumeces gilberti</i>		
Whiptails and Relatives - Family Teiidae		
Western Whiptail	JUN/MS/ASC/AGS	C
<i>Cnemidophorus tigris</i>		
Alligator Lizards and Relatives - Family Anguillidae		
Southern Alligator Lizard	MS/AGS	U
<i>Elgaria multicarinata</i>		
N. American Legless Lizards - Family Anniellidae		
Silvery Legless Lizard	JUN/MS	U
<i>Anniella pulchra pulchra</i>		
Colubrids - Family Colubridae		
Ring-necked Snake	MS/AGS	R
<i>Diadophis punctatus</i>		
Racer	MS/ASC/AGS	R
<i>Coluber constrictor</i>		
San Joaquin Coachwhip	MS/ASC/AGS	C
<i>Masticophis flagellum ruddocki</i>		
California Whipsnake	JUN/MS	C
<i>Masticophis lateralis</i>		
Western Patch-nosed Snake	JUN/MS/ASC/AGS	R
<i>Salvadora hexalepis</i>		
Glossy Snake	MS/ASC/AGS	U
<i>Arizona elegans</i>		
Gopher Snake	JUN/MS/ASC/AGS	C
<i>Pituophis catenifer</i>		
Common Kingsnake	JUN/MS/ASC/AGS	U
<i>Lampropeltis getula</i>		
Long-nosed Snake	JUN/MS/ASC/AGS	R
<i>Rhinocheilus lecontei</i>		
Common Garter Snake	JUN/MS/AGS	R
<i>Thamnophis sirtalis</i>		
California (western) Black-headed Snake		?
<i>Tantilla planiceps</i>	JUN/MS/AGS	
Southwestern (Smith's) Black-headed Snake		?
<i>Tantilla hobartsmithi</i>	ASC	
Night Snake	JUN/MS	C
<i>Hypsiglena torquata</i>		
Vipers - Family Viperidae		
Western Rattlesnake	JUN/MS/ASC/AGS	C
<i>Crotalus viridis</i>		