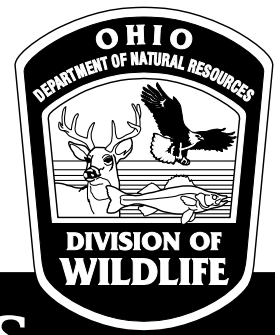


Reptiles & Amphibians



LICENSING AND REGULATIONS

Division of Wildlife • Ohio Department of Natural Resources

The ODNR Division of Wildlife adopted a regulation, Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) Section 1501: 31-25-04, concerning the possession, purchase, sale, or trade of reptiles and amphibians native to our state. The purpose of this regulation is to protect and conserve native reptiles and amphibians while maintaining the educational and economic benefits derived from them. The following information should aid you in understanding how you can legally possess reptiles and amphibians native to Ohio.

WHEN DO YOU NEED A LICENSE AND WHAT CAN YOU LEGALLY DO?

A propagating license application must be requested from the Division of Wildlife within 10 days after taking possession of any native reptile, amphibian or wood turtle (*Clemmys insculpta*).

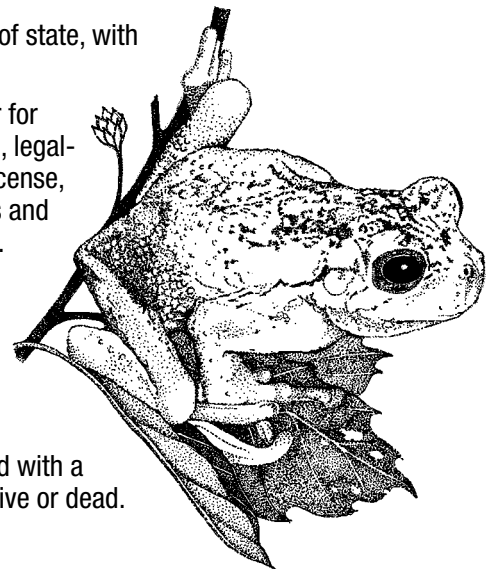
With a propagating license, except for state endangered species, an Ohio resident may possess:

- four total individuals of each wild-captured native reptile or amphibian from the list entitled "Wild-captured Native Reptiles and Amphibians"; and/or
- an unlimited number of animals captively produced or legally obtained from out of state, with proper documentation.

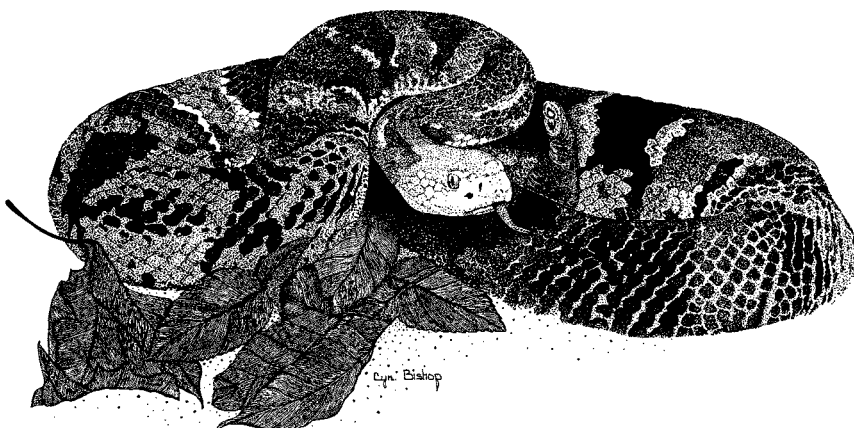
A \$40 commercial propagating license is required for persons wishing to sell, offer for sale, trade, or barter native reptiles or amphibians which have been captively produced, legally obtained from out of state, or are the offspring of wild-captured animals. With this license, the license holder may possess for sale, trade or barter an unlimited number of reptiles and amphibians that are captively produced or legally obtained, with proper documentation.

A \$25 noncommercial propagating license is required for persons who permanently possess native reptiles or amphibians but do not intend to sell, offer for sale, trade or barter animals. The license holder may possess an unlimited number of reptiles and/or amphibians of which only four total individuals of each reptile or amphibian have been taken from the wild.

Except for bullfrogs, green frogs, snapping or softshell turtles that can be harvested with a fishing license, a nonresident cannot take from the wild native reptiles or amphibians, live or dead.



Reptiles or amphibians taken from the wild in Ohio may NOT be bought, offered for sale, traded, bartered, or given as a gift.



WHAT YOU CANNOT DO

No endangered reptiles or amphibians listed below may be possessed, bred, or sold except in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 1531.25 and O.A.C. 1501:31-23-01.

Reptiles

Copperbelly water snake (*Nerodia erythrogaster neglecta*)
Eastern plains garter snake (*Thamnophis radix radix*)
Lake Erie water snake (*Nerodia sipedon insularum*)
Eastern massasauga (*Sistrurus catenatus catenatus*)
Timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus horridus*)

Amphibians

Eastern hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis*)
Blue-spotted salamander (*Ambystoma laterale*)
Green salamander (*Aneides aeneus*)
Cave salamander (*Eurycea lucifuga*)
Eastern spadefoot (*Scaphiopus holbrookii*)

A reptile or amphibian that has been captively produced or is not native to Ohio may not be released into the wild. Only reptiles/amphibians that were taken from the wild may be released back into the wild and only if:

- they have not been held in captivity, in the same enclosure, with any other reptile or amphibian, except when used as a food for another captive reptile or amphibian, and
- they have not been in captivity for more than 30 days, and
- they are released near the point of capture, or, you first have written authorization from the chief of the Division of Wildlife.

WILD-CAPTURED NATIVE REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

Only Ohio residents may possess a total of four individuals from any of the following reptile or amphibian species or any hybrids taken from the wild:

Turtles

Common Musk Turtle (*Sternotherus odoratus*)
Common Map Turtle (*Graptemys geographica*)
Midland Painted Turtle (*Chrysemys picta marginata*)
Red-eared Slider (*Trachemys scripta elegans*)

Lizards & Skinks

Northern Fence Lizard (*Sceloporus undulatus hyacinthinus*)
European Wall Lizard (*Podarcis muralis*)
Ground Skink (*Scincella lateralis*)
Five-lined Skink (*Eumeces fasciatus*)
Broadhead Skink (*Eumeces laticeps*)

Snakes

Queen Snake (*Regina septemvittata*)
Northern Water Snake (*Nerodia sipedon sipedon*)
Northern Brown Snake (*Storeria dekayi dekayi*)
Midland Brown Snake (*Storeria dekayi wrightorum*)
Northern Redbelly Snake (*Storeria occipitomaculata occipitomaculata*)
Eastern Garter Snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis*)
Butler's Garter Snake (*Thamnophis butleri*)
Eastern Ribbon Snake (*Thamnophis sauritus sauritus*)
Northern Ribbon Snake (*Thamnophis sauritus septentrionalis*)
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Eastern Smooth Earth Snake (*Virginia valeriae valeriae*)
Northern Ringneck Snake (*Diadophis punctatus edwardsii*)
Midwest Worm Snake (*Carphophis amoenus helenae*)
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Black Racer (*Coluber constrictor constrictor*)
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Smooth Green Snake (*Opheodrys vernalis vernalis*)
Black Rat Snake (*Elaphe obsoleta obsoleta*)
Eastern Milk Snake (*Lampropeltis triangulum triangulum*)
Northern Copperhead (*Agkistrodon contortrix mokasen*)

Salamanders

Mudpuppy (*Necturus maculosus maculosus*)
Red-spotted Newt (*Notophthalmus viridescens viridescens*)
Jefferson Salamander (*Ambystoma jeffersonianum*)
Spotted Salamander (*Ambystoma maculatum*)
Smallmouth Salamander (*Ambystoma texanum*)
Streamside Salamander (*Ambystoma barbouri*)
Marbled Salamander (*Ambystoma opacum*)
Eastern Tiger Salamander (*Ambystoma tigrinum tigrinum*)
Northern Dusky Salamander (*Desmognathus fuscus fuscus*)
Mountain Dusky Salamander (*Desmognathus ochrophaeus*)
Redback Salamander (*Plethodon cinereus*)
Ravine Salamander (*Plethodon richmondi*)
Northern Slimy Salamander (*Plethodon glutinosus*)
Wehrle's Salamander (*Plethodon wehrlei*)
Kentucky Spring Salamander (*Gyrinophilus porphyriticus duryi*)
Northern Spring Salamander (*Gyrinophilus porphyriticus porphyriticus*)
Mud Salamander (*Pseudotriton montanus*)
Northern Red Salamander (*Pseudotriton ruber ruber*)
Northern Two-lined Salamander (*Eurycea bislineata*)
Longtail Salamander (*Eurycea longicauda longicauda*)
Southern Two-lined Salamander (*Eurycea cirrigera*)

Frogs & Toads

Blanchard's Cricket Frog (*Acris crepitans blanchardi*)
Northern Spring Peeper (*Pseudacris crucifer crucifer*)
Gray Treefrog (*Hyla versicolor*)
Cope's Gray Treefrog (*Hyla chrysoscelis*)
Western Chorus Frog (*Pseudacris triseriata triseriata*)
Mountain Chorus Frog (*Pseudacris brachyphona*)
Northern Leopard Frog (*Rana pipiens*)
Pickerel Frog (*Rana palustris*)
Southern Leopard Frog (*Rana utricularia*)
Wood Frog (*Rana sylvatica*)
Fowler's Toad (*Bufo woodhousii fowleri*)
American Toad (*Bufo americanus*)

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITHOUT A LICENSE?

You do not need a reptile and amphibian propagating license to:

Harvest bullfrogs, green frogs, softshell turtles or snapping turtles in accordance with O.A.C. 1501:31-13-05 (a fishing license is required).

Possess without a license not more than four individuals or 25 eggs, tadpoles, or larvae of each native reptile or amphibian, live or dead which have been taken from the wild, legally obtained from out of state or captively produced, as an Ohio resident, 17 years of age or younger.

Collect or possess nonendangered reptiles and/or amphibians for research or education ONLY by permanent establishments that are accredited by the American Zoological Association (AZA) or other Division of Wildlife approved museum, scientific, or educational institution in accordance with all applicable regulations. A detailed report must be provided to the Division regarding all collection activities by March 15th, annually (see "Research or Education" discussion below).

RECORD KEEPING AND ANNUAL REPORTS

Commercial and Noncommercial Propagating License Holders

All propagating license holders must retain a certificate of origin, a bill of sale, receipted invoice, or other Division of Wildlife approved evidence of lawful acquisition for each individual of any taxa of reptile or amphibian captively produced or legally obtained from out of state. Accurate records for all animals, including wild-captured, must be maintained for five years by the license holder and be available for inspection by a representative of the Division of Wildlife at all reasonable hours.

Records must include:

Common and scientific name, and number of native reptiles or amphibians received or sold, the birth dates of captive born animals, and the date, location and length of all wild-captured taxa,

Date of the transaction, and complete name and address of the person from whom an animal was purchased (including the seller's propagating license number) or to whom the animal was sold, traded, bartered or given as a gift, and

Unique passive transponder code of implanted snakes and/or turtles.

Research or Education

Permanent establishments that are accredited by the American Zoological Association or other Division of Wildlife approved museums, scientific, or educational institutions in accordance with all applicable regulations must submit an annual report. The detailed report must be provided to the Division regarding all collection activities by March 15th, annually which includes a listing of all native reptiles and amphibians in possession, by species, sex, length, quantity, purpose for possession, and date and where or from whom acquired.

PERMANENTLY MARKING CAPTIVE SNAKES AND TURTLES

A unique passive integrated transponder (PIT) tag must be implanted under the skin of all live native snakes and turtles held in captivity when the animal reaches the following size:

- snakes with a snout-vent length of 18 inches or greater
- turtles with a straight carapace length of four or more inches

PIT tags may be implanted by any person authorized by the owner. Only PIT tags which can be read by an "AVID Mini Tracker" reader may be implanted.

HOW TO GET AN APPLICATION OR PURCHASE PIT TAGS

A "Wild Animal Propagation" license application (Form 170) may be obtained from any District Wildlife Office or by contacting the wildlife officer assigned to your county of residence.

Individual, disposable, sterile PIT tags are available for purchase from the Division of Wildlife for \$10.00 per unit. Complete the form below and include it with a check or money order made payable to the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Please write your current propagating license number on your check and include \$10.00 for each PIT tag.

PIT TAG ORDER FORM

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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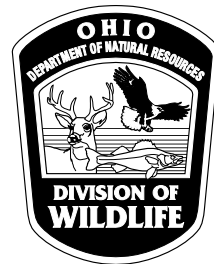
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Name of AZA Facility/Museum/Research/Educational Institution _____

Quantity of PIT Tags Being Ordered _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____ ,

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Eastern Box Turtle (*Terrapene carolina carolina*)
Blanding's Turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*)
Common Map Turtle (*Graptemys geographica*)
Ouachita Map Turtle (*Graptemys pseudogeographica ouachitensis*)
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