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

## Reptiles

Pictured: Western Rattlesnake  
*Crotalus viridis*

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## Lizards & Snakes - ORDER Squamata

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

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