

Amphibians

Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area is home to at least eight species of amphibians. More species probably occur at the Bottoms but have not yet been observed. Amphibians begin life as eggs deposited in water. They later metamorphose (change bodies) into tadpoles and then into adults. Adults are more terrestrial (land living) than tadpoles and eggs but are still dependent on water. Amphibians eat aquatic (water living) and terrestrial insects, tadpoles, fish, frogs, and toads. Amphibians also are important food items for wading birds, raptors, and some mammals, such as striped skunks and raccoons.



PLAINS LEOPARD FROG

CLASS
SCIENTIFIC FAMILY
 Common Name *Scientific Name*

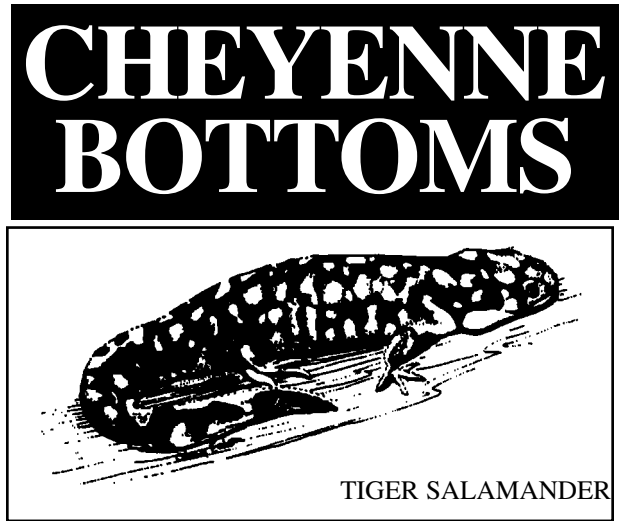
- AMPHIBIANS**
- FAMILY AMBYSTOMATIDAE**
 Barred Tiger Salamander
Ambystoma mavortium
- FAMILY PELOBATIDAE**
 Plains Spadefoot
Spea bombifrons
- FAMILY BUFONIDAE**
 Great Plains Toad
Bufo cognatus
 Woodhouse's Toad
Bufo woodhousii
- FAMILY HYLIDAE**
 Northern Cricket Frog
Acris crepitans
 Western Chorus Frog
Pseudacris triseriata
- FAMILY RANIDAE**
 Plains Leopard Frog
Rana blairi
 Bullfrog
Rana catesbeiana

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Reptiles, Turtles & Amphibians



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Turtles & Reptiles

Nineteen species of turtles and reptiles have been observed at Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area. Because many species are secretive and difficult to observe, there may be several other species present at the Bottoms, as well. In general, turtles and reptiles are more terrestrial (land living) than amphibians. However, turtles are commonly found in water. Turtles, lizards, and some snakes, such as eastern racers and bullsnakes, lay eggs on land. Other snakes, such as garter snakes and water snakes, produce litters of live young. The diet of turtles and reptiles include aquatic plants, insects, crayfish, fish, amphibians, snakes, turtles, bird eggs, small birds, and small mammals. Some snakes may be important predators of ground nesting birds. Reptiles themselves are eaten by wading birds, raptors, and raccoons.

CLASS

SCIENTIFIC FAMILY

Common Name	<i>Scientific Name</i>
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TURTLES

FAMILY CHELYDRIDAE

Snapping Turtle	<i>Chelydra serpentina</i>
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FAMILY KINOSTERNIDAE

Yellow Mud Turtle	<i>Kinosternon flavescens</i>
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FAMILY EMYDIDAE

Painted Turtle	<i>Chrysemys picta</i>
Slider	<i>Trachemys scripta</i>

FAMILY TRIONYCHIDAE

Spiny softshell	<i>Apalone spinifera</i>
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REPTILES

FAMILY SCINCIDAE

Great Plains Skink	<i>Eumeces obsoletus</i>
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FAMILY TEIIDAE

Six-lined Racerunner	<i>Cnemidophorus sexlineatus</i>
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FAMILY COLUBRIDAE

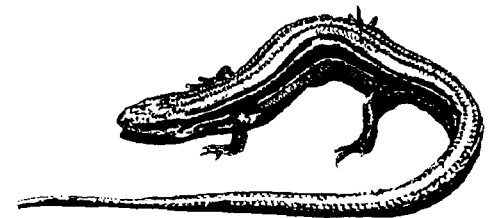
Eastern Racer	<i>Coluber constrictor</i>
Gopher Snake	<i>Pituophis catenifer</i>
Prairie Kingsnake	<i>Lampropeltis calligaster</i>
Common Kingsnake	<i>Lampropeltis getula</i>

FAMILY NATRICIDAE

Plains Garter Snake	<i>Thamnophis radix</i>
Common Garter Snake	<i>Thamnophis sirtalis</i>
Lined Snake	<i>Tropidoclonion lineatum</i>
Graham's Crayfish Snake	<i>Regina grahamii</i>
Diamondback Watersnake	<i>Nerodia rhombifer</i>
Northern Water Snake	<i>Nerodia sipedon</i>
Texas Brown Snake	<i>Storeria dekayi</i>

FAMILY VIPERIDAE

Massasauga	<i>Sistrurus catenatus</i>
Western Rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus viridis</i>



SIX-LINED RACERUNNER