



# Darwin Reptile List

– Species of the greater Darwin region & north-west Top End

This guide is designed to help people get started with their reptile identification. We suggest you also use some of the wonderful books and field guides to help confirm your identifications.

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You can also download a MacKinnon data sheet at the above location to do a survey in your backyard, local park or school.

## Conservation Status

Least Concern

Near Threatened

Vulnerable

Endangered

Critically Endangered

Extinct in the wild






Extinct

Introduced




Data Deficient

Not Evaluated




Order	Family	Scientific Name	Common Name
CROCODILIA	CROCODYLIDAE	<i>Crocodylus johnstoni</i>	Freshwater Crocodile
		<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>	Saltwater Crocodile
SQUAMATA Suborder GEKKOTA	CARPHODACTYLIDAE	<i>Nephrurus sheai</i>	Northern Knob-tail Gecko
	DIPLODACTYLIDAE	<i>Amalosia rhombifer</i> (formerly <i>Oedura</i> )	Zigzag Velvet Gecko
		<i>Diplodactylus hillii</i>	Northern Fat-tailed Gecko
		<i>Lucasium stenodactylum</i> (formerly <i>Diplodactylus stenodactylus</i> )	Crowned Gecko, Pale-snouted Ground Gecko

Northern Territory Conservation Status according to the Atlas of Living Australia	IUCN Conservation Status	Identification Photo
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		<i>Oedura marmorata</i>	Marbled Velvet Gecko
		<i>Strophurus ciliaris ciliaris</i> (formerly <i>Diplodactylus</i> )	Northern Spiny-tailed Gecko
	GEKKONIDAE	<i>Gehyra australis</i>	Northern Dtella






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		<i>Gehyra nana</i>	Northern Spotted Rock Dtella
		<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>	House Gecko
		<i>Heteronotia binoei</i>	Bynoe's Prickly Gecko





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	PYGOPODIDAE	<i>Delma borea</i>	Rusty-topped Delma
		<i>Delma tincta</i>	Excitable Delma
		<i>Lialis burtonis</i>	Burton's Snake-lizard
		<i>Pygopus steelescotti</i>	Northern Hooded Scaly-foot









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<p>SQUAMATA</p> <p>Suborder LACERTILIA</p>	<p>AGAMIDAE</p>	<p><i>Chelosania brunnea</i></p>	<p>Chameleon Dragon</p>
		<p><i>Chlamydosaurus kingii</i></p>	<p>Frill-necked Lizard</p>
		<p><i>Ctenophorus caudicintus</i> <i>macropus</i></p>	<p>Ring-tailed Dragon</p>
		<p><i>Diporiphora albilabris</i></p>	<p>White-lipped Two-lined Dragon</p>

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		<i>Diporiphora arnhemica</i>	Arnhem Land Two-line Dragon?
		<i>Diporiphora bilineata</i>	Northern Two-lined Dragon
		<i>Diporiphora magna</i>	Yellow-sided Two-lined Dragon?
		<i>Gowidon temporalis</i> (formerly <i>Amphibolurus</i> and <i>Lophognathus</i> )	Swamplands Lashtail
		<i>Lophognathus gilberti</i> (formerly <i>Amphibolurus</i> )	Gilbert's Dragon
		<i>Tympanocryptis uniformis</i>	Even-scaled Earless Dragon


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	SCINCIDAE	<i>Carlia amax</i>	Bauxite Rainbow-skink
		<i>Carlia gracilis</i>	Slender Rainbow-skink
		<i>Carlia munda</i>	Shaded-litter Rainbow-skink
		<i>Carlia rufilatus</i>	Rad-sided Rainbow-skink
		<i>Carlia triacantha</i>	Desert Rainbow-skink

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		<i>Cryptoblepharus cygnatus</i>	Swanson's Snake-eyed Skink
		<i>Cryptoblepharus metallicus</i>	Metallic Snake-eyed Skink
		<i>Ctenotus borealis</i>	White-faced Ctenotus
		<i>Ctenotus decaneurus</i>	Ten-lined Ctenotus
		<i>Ctenotus essingtoni</i>	Port Essington Ctenotus/ Lowlands Plain-backed Ctenotus







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		<i>Ctenotus hilli</i>	Top-End Lowlands Ctenotus
		<i>Ctenotus inornatus</i> (formerly <i>C. saxatilis</i> )	Bar-shouldered Ctenotus
		<i>Ctenotus robustus</i>	Robust Ctenotus
		<i>Ctenotus storri</i>	Buff-striped Ctenotus
		<i>Ctenotus superciliaris</i>	Sharp-browed Ctenotus
		<i>Eremiascincus douglasi</i> (formerly <i>Sphenomorphus</i> )	Orange-sided Bar-lipped Skink
		<i>Eremiascincus isolepis</i> (formerly <i>Sphenomorphus</i> )	Northern Bar-lipped Skink

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		<i>Glaphyromorphus darwiniensis</i> (formerly <i>Sphenomorphus</i> )	Northern Mulch-skink
		<i>Lerista orientalis</i>	North-eastern Orange-tailed Slider
		<i>Menetia alanae</i>	Top End Dwarf Skink
		<i>Menetia greyii</i>	Common Dwarf Skink
		<i>Menetia maini</i>	Northern Dwarf Skink
		<i>Morethia ruficauda</i>	Lined Firetail Skink



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		<i>Morethia storri</i>	Top End Firetail Skink
		<i>Notoscincus ornatus wotjulum</i>	Ornate Soil-crevice Skink
		<i>Proablepharus tenuis</i>	Northern Soil-crevice Skink/ Slender Snake-eyed Skink
		<i>Tiliqua scincoides intermedia</i>	Common (Eastern or Northern) Blue-tongued
	VARANIDAE	<i>Varanus acanthurus</i>	Spiny-tailed Monitor or Ridgetailed Monitor




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		<i>Varanus baritji</i>	Black-spotted Spiny-tailed Monitor
		<i>Varanus glebopalma</i>	Black-palmed Rock Monitor






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Data Deficient	Least Concern	 The top photograph shows a green lizard with a lighter, mottled pattern on its head and neck, perched on a grey rock. The bottom photograph shows the same lizard from a different angle, resting on a similar rock surface. The lizard's body is primarily green with some darker spots, and its tail is long and thin.

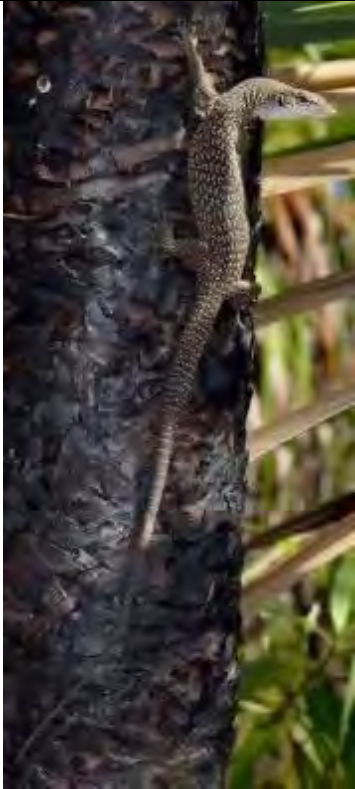

		<i>Varanus gouldii</i>	Sand Monitor or Gould's Goanna
		<i>Varanus indicus</i>	Mangrove Monitor
		<i>Varanus mertensi</i>	Merten's Water Monitor

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Vulnerable	Endangered	

		<i>Varanus mitchelli</i>	Mitchell's Water Monitor
		<i>Varanus panoptes panoptes</i>	Yellow-spotted Monitor
		<i>Varanus primordius</i>	Northern Ridge-tailed Monitor



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		<i>Varanus scalaris similis</i>	Spotted Tree Monitor
		<i>Varanus tristis orientalis</i>	Black-headed Monitor/ Blacktailed Monitor

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SQUAMATA Suborder SERPENTES	ACROCHORDIDAE	<i>Acrochordus arafurae</i>	Arafura File Snake
		<i>Acrochordus granulatus</i>	Little File Snake



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	COLUBRIDAE	<i>Boiga irregularis</i>	Banded Tree Snake
		<i>Cerberus australis</i> (formerly <i>C.rynchops</i> )	Australian Bockadam
		<i>Dendrelaphis punctulatus</i>	Common/Green/ Brown Tree Snake

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		<i>Fordonia leucobalia</i>	White-bellied Mangrove Snake
		<i>Myron richardsoni</i>	Richardson's Mangrove Snake
		<i>Pseudoferania polylepis</i> (formerly <i>Enhydris</i> )	Macleay's Water Snake
		<i>Stegonotus cucullatus</i>	Slatey-grey Snake

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	ELAPIDAE	<i>Tropidonophis mairii</i>	Keelback/ Freshwater Snake
		<i>Acanthophis rugosus</i>	Rough-scaled Death Adder
		<i>Aipysurus duboisii</i>	Reef Shallows Sea Snake
		<i>Aipysurus eydouxii</i>	Stagger-banded Sea Snake




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		<i>Aipysurus laevis</i>	Olive Sea Snake
		<i>Aipysurus mosaicus</i>	Mosaic-backed Sea Snake?
		<i>Brachyuropsis roperi</i>	Northern or Roper Shovel-nosed Snake
		<i>Brachyuropsis semifasciatus</i>	Southern Shovel-nosed Snake?
		<i>Demansia olivacea</i>	Olive Whipsnake






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		<i>Demansia papuensis</i>	Greater Black Whipsnake
		<i>Demansia simplex</i>	Grey Whipsnake
		<i>Demansia vestigiata</i> (formerly <i>D. atra</i> )	Lesser Black Whipsnake

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		<i>Furina ornata</i>	Orange-naped Snake/ Moon Snake
		<i>Hydrelaps darwiniensis</i>	Black-ringed Mangrove Sea Snake/ Port Darwin Sea Snake
		<i>Hydrophis atriceps</i>	Black-headed Sea Snake
		<i>Hydrophis curtus (Lapemis hardwickii?)</i>	Spine-bellied Sea Snake
		<i>Hydrophis cyanocintus</i>	Annulated Sea Snake
		<i>Hydrophis elegans</i>	Elegant Sea Snake
		<i>Hydrophis inornatus</i>	Plain Sea Snake
		<i>Hydrophis kingii</i>	Spectacled Sea Snake
		<i>Hydrophis macdowellii</i>	Small-headed Sea Snake
		<i>Hydrophis major</i>	Olive-headed Sea Snake




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		<i>Hydrophis ocellatus</i>	Spotted Sea Snake
		<i>Hydrophis ornatus</i>	Ornate Sea Snake
		<i>Hydrophis pacificus</i>	Pacific Sea Snake
		<i>Hydrophis peronii</i> (formerly <i>Acalyptophis</i> )	Horned Sea Snake
		<i>Hydrophis platurus</i> (formerly <i>Pelamis</i> )	Yellow-bellied Sea Snake
		<i>Hydrophis schistosus</i> (formerly <i>Enhydrina</i> )	Beaked Sea Snake
		<i>Hydrophis stokesii</i> (formerly <i>Astrotia</i> )	Stokes' Sea Snake

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		<i>Oxyuranus scutellatus</i>	Taipan, Coastal Taipan
		<i>Parahydrophis mertoni</i>	Northern Mangrove Sea Snake/ Arafura Smooth Sea Snake
		<i>Pseudechis australis</i>	Mulga/ King Brown Snake
		<i>Pseudechis pailsei</i>	Eastern Dwarf Mulga Snake?








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		<i>Pseudechis weigeli</i>	Pygmy Mulga Snake/ Weigel's Black Snake
		<i>Pseudonaja nuchalis</i>	Western Brown Snake
		<i>Suta punctata</i> (formerly <i>Rhinoplocephalus</i> )	Little Spotted Snake

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		<i>Vermicella intermedia</i>	Intermediate Bandy-bandy
		<i>Vermicella multifasciata</i>	Northern Bandy-bandy
	PYTHONIDAE	<i>Antaresia childreni</i>	Children's Python
		<i>Aspidites melanocephalus</i>	Black-headed Python
		<i>Liasis fuscus</i>	Water Python
		<i>Liasis olivaceus</i>	Olive Python





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		<i>Morelia spilota variegata</i>	Darwin Carpet Python
	TYPHLOPIDAE	<i>Anilios diversus</i> (formerly <i>Ramphotyphlops</i> )	Northern Blind Snake
		<i>Anilios guentheri</i> (formerly <i>Ramphotyphlops</i> )	Top End Blind Snake
		<i>Anilios ligatus</i> (formerly <i>Ramphotyphlops</i> )	Robust Blind Snake
		<i>Anilios nema</i> (formerly <i>Ramphotyphlops</i> )	Nema Blind Snake
		<i>Anilios toveli</i> (formerly <i>Ramphotyphlops</i> )	Darwin Blind Snake
		<i>Anilios unguirostris</i> (formerly <i>Ramphotyphlops</i> )	Claw-snouted Blind Snake
		<i>Anilios yirrikalae</i> (formerly <i>Ramphotyphlops</i> )	Yirrikala Blind Snake
		<i>Ramphotyphlops braminus</i>	Brahminy Blind Snake or Flowerpot Blind Snake


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TESTUDINES	CHELIDAE	<i>Chelodina</i>	Subgenus <i>Macrodiremys</i> <i>Chelodina colliei</i>  (formerly <i>C. rugosa</i> )	Oblong Turtle
			Subgenus <i>Macrochelodina</i> <i>Chelodina oblonga</i>	Northern Snake-necked Turtle
		<i>Elseya dentata</i>		Northern Snapping Turtle
		<i>Emydura tanybaraga</i>		Northern Yellow-faced Turtle




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		<i>Emydura victoriae</i> ?	Northern Red-faced Turtle
	CHELONIIDAE	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Loggerhead Turtle
		<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Green Turtle

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Vulnerable	Vulnerable	
Near Threatened	Endangered	

		<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	Hawksbill Turtle
		<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>	Olive Ridley/ Pacific Ridley Turtle
		<i>Natator depressus</i> (formerly <i>Chelonia</i> )	Flatback Turtle

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