A Guide to the Reptiles of Beijing

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Cover photo: Tiger Keelback (*Rhabdophis tigrinus*), May 2016 (Terry Townshend)

Introduction

This guide is one of a series about the wildlife that can be found in China's capital city. It has been compiled by ZHANG Junduo and Ben WIELSTRA for Birding Beijing. The format follows the other guides in providing the English name, scientific name, Chinese name and the pinyin (pronunciation of the Chinese). Photos and a short summary of the status are included where available. If you have any information that can help to improve this guide, please contact Birding Beijing on email - birdingbeijing@gmail.com. Thank you.

The Reptiles

Turtles - native

Chinese Softshell Turtle - Pelodiscus sinensis - 中华鳖 - Zhong Hua Bie



Chinese Softshell Turtle, 1 June 2016 (Rao Yu)

Turtles - introduced:

Red-eared Slider - Trachemys scripta - 密西西比红耳龟 - Mi Xi Xi Bi Hong Er Gui



Red-eared Slider, 23 April 2017 (Zhang Junduo)

The Lizards

Peking Gecko - Gekko swinhonis - 无蹼壁虎 - Wu Pu Bi Hu



Peking Gecko, 19 March 2017 (Zhang Junduo)

Ordos Racerunner - Eremias brenchleyi - 山地麻蜥 - Shan Di Ma Xi



Ordos Racerunner, 3 April 2017 (Zhang Junduo)

Mongolia Racerunner - Eremias argus - 丽斑麻蜥 - Li Ban Ma Xi



Mongolia Racerunner, date unknown (Zhang Junduo)

Gail's Eyelid Skink - Plestiodon capito - 黄纹石龙子 - Huang Wen Shi Long Zi

[No photo available]

Modest Ground Skink - Scincella modesta - 宁波滑蜥北方亚种 - Ning Bo Hua Xi Bei Fang Ya Zhong



Modest Ground Skink, date unknown (Fang Yunyi)

The Snakes

Korean Rat Snake - Elaphe anomala - 赤峰锦蛇 - Chi Feng Jin She



Korean Rat Snake, 19 September 2017 (Zhang Junduo)

Taiwan Stink Snake - Elaphe carinata - 王锦蛇 - Wang Jin She

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Père David's Rat Snake - Elaphe davidi - 团花锦蛇 - Tuan Hua Jin She



Père David's Rat Snake, date unknown (Zhang Junduo)

Steppe Rat Snake - Elaphe dione - 白条锦蛇 - Bai Tiao Jin She



Steppe Rat Snake, 1 July 2017 (Tang Ke)

Beauty Rat Snake - Elaphe taeniurus - 黑眉锦蛇 - Hei Mei Jin She

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Mandarin Rat Snake - Euprepiophis mandarinus - 玉斑蛇 - Yu Ban She



Mandarin Rat Snake, 20 October 2017 (Bian Zhiming)

Frog-eating / Red-backed Rat Snake - Oocatochus rufodorsatus - 红纹滞卵蛇 - Hong Wen Zhi Luan She



Frog-eating/Red-backed Rat Snake, 30 April 2016 (Zhao Xiangyu)

Red-banded Snake - Lycodon rufozonatus - 赤链蛇 - Chi Lian She



Red-banded Snake, 4 June 2017 (Zhang Junduo)

Mountain / Formosa Wolf Snake - Lycodon ruhstrati - 黑背链蛇 - Hei Bei Lian She [No photo available]

Slender Racer - Orientocoluber spinalis - 黄脊东方蛇 - Huang Ji Dong Fang She



Slender Racer, 15 April 2016 (Song Yi)

Tiger Keelback - Rhabdophis tigrinus - 虎斑颈槽蛇 - Hu Ban Jing Cao She



Tiger Keelback, May 2014 (Terry Townshend)



Tiger Keelback, 12 July 2015 (Zhang Junduo)

Chinese Many-tooth Snake - Sibynophis chinensis - 黑头剑蛇 - Hei Tou Jian She

[No photo available]

Big-eyed Ratsnake - Ptyas dhumnades - 乌梢蛇 - Wu Shao She

[No photo available]

Short-tailed Mamushi - Gloydius brevicaudus - 短尾蝮 - Duan Wei Fu



Short-tailed Mamushi, 2 September 2017 (Zhang Junduo)

Gobi Pit Viper - Gloydius stejnegeri - 华北蝮 - Hua Bei Fu



Gobi Pit Viper, date unknown (Xing Chao)

