

# Lizards

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Name	Habitat	Abundance
Desert Banded Gecko <i>Coleonyx variegatus variegatus</i>	Most common in sandy flats; occasional in canyons and rocky areas.	common
Northern Desert Iguana <i>Dipsosaurus dorsalis dorsalis</i>	Most common on sandy flats, dunes, and washes but also along rocky washes and on alluvial fans.	common
Mojave Collared Lizard <i>Crotaphytus bicinctores</i>	Rocky slopes, rock outcrops of gullies, and boulder-strewn alluvial fans.	common
Long-nosed Leopard Lizard <i>Gambelia wislizenii wislizenii</i>	Open sandy or gravelly flats and plains; less commonly in rocky areas.	common
Western Chuckwalla <i>Sauromalus ater obesus</i>	Rocky outcrops, rocky canyons, rocky slopes, and alluvial fans.	special concern
Mojave Zebra-tailed Lizard <i>Callisaurus draconoides rhodostictus</i>	Open areas of sandy and gravelly desert flats, sandy washes, and alluvial fans.	common
San Diego Horned Lizard <i>Phrynosoma coronatum blainvillii</i>	Northwest section where loose, fine soil with high sand content is present.	threatened
Southern Desert Horned Lizard <i>Phrynosoma platyrhinos calidiarum</i>	Sandy flats and canyon bottoms	common
Yellow-backed Spiny Lizard <i>Sceloporus magister uniformis</i>	Most abundant in the Joshua tree woodland. Occasional on rock outcrops.	common
Great Basin Fence Lizard <i>Sceloporus biseriatus longipes</i>	Rocky outcrops above 3,000 feet	common
Mojave Fringe-toed Lizard <i>Uma scoparia</i>	Wind-blown sand of dry lake beds, washes, and large dunes.	special concern
Western Brush Lizard <i>Urosaurus graciosus graciosus</i>	Bushes and small trees; also in clumps of galleta grass, <i>Pleuraphis rigida</i> .	common
Desert Side-blotched Lizard <i>Uta stansburiana stejnegeri</i>	Open, sunny ground. Usually some rocks and loose soil are present.	common
Desert Night Lizard <i>Xantusia vigilis vigilis</i>	Most common in Joshua tree woodland, especially within fallen branches of Joshua trees and yuccas	common
Great Basin Whiptail <i>Aspidoscelis tigris tigris</i>	Most common in areas where vegetation is densest.	common
Western Red-tailed Skink <i>Eumeces gilberti rubricaudatus</i>	Prefers moderately damp areas; northwest section.	common
San Diego Alligator Lizard <i>Elgaria multicarinata webbii</i>	Prefers moderately damp areas; northwest section.	common
Silvery Legless Lizard <i>Anniella pulchra pulchra</i>	Sandy or loose loamy soils with some moisture; northwest section.	special concern