

**Guide to the Reptiles  
and Amphibians of  
South Central Minnesota-  
Region 4E**



**Minnesota  
Department of  
Natural  
Resources**

Guide to the Herpetofauna of Southwest Minnesota

Region 4 - East

This preliminary guide has been prepared as a reference to the occurrence and distribution of reptiles and amphibians of Region 4 - East of Southwest Minnesota. Taxonomy and identification are based on "A Field Guide to Reptiles and Amphibians" by Roger Conant (Second Edition, 1975). Figure 1 is a map of this region.

Counties Included: Blue Earth, Brown, LeSueur, McLeod, Nicollet, Sibley and Waseca.

SPECIES LIST

Turtles

Snapping turtle  
\*False map turtle  
Western painted turtle  
Smooth softshell  
Western spiny softshell  
Map turtle

Lizards

Northern prairie skink  
*FIVE-lined SKINK*

Snakes

DeKay's snake  
Northern water snake  
Western plains garter snake } s.s.  
Eastern plains garter snake }  
Red-sided garter snake } s.s.  
Eastern garter snake }  
Plains western hognose snake  
\*Blue racer  
Western fox snake  
Eastern milk snake  
Red-bellied snake (?)  
\*Western smooth green snake (?)  
Bullsnake (?)

s.s. - single species  
(?) - hypothetical species - reports needed  
\* - special interest species - reports needed

Salamanders

Mudpuppy  
Eastern tiger salamander  
\*Red-backed salamander (?)

Toads

American toad

Frogs

Boreal chorus frog s.s.  
Western chorus frog  
Northern leopard frog

Summary

A total of 20 species have been recorded in Region 4 - East. Three species are represented by two subspecies -- the chorus frog, plains garter snake, and common garter snake.

Species of special interest include the falso map turtle, map turtle, red-backed salamander (if present), blue racer, and western smooth green snake (if present). Records are also needed to document the presence of the red-bellied snake and the bullsnake. Any sightings of these species should be recorded and sent to the nongame supervisor.

County records for this region are given on the following pages. If you encounter any new county records, the specimen should be captured and either photographed from several angles or preserved in isopropyl alcohol. Record the collector's name and address, date, county, township, range, section number (or distance and direction from nearest town), and the habitat in which the animal was found. The nongame supervisor should be contacted concerning disposition of specimens.

Unless otherwise specified, all county records on the following pages are derived from Reptiles and Amphibians of Minnesota by Walter J. Breckenridge.

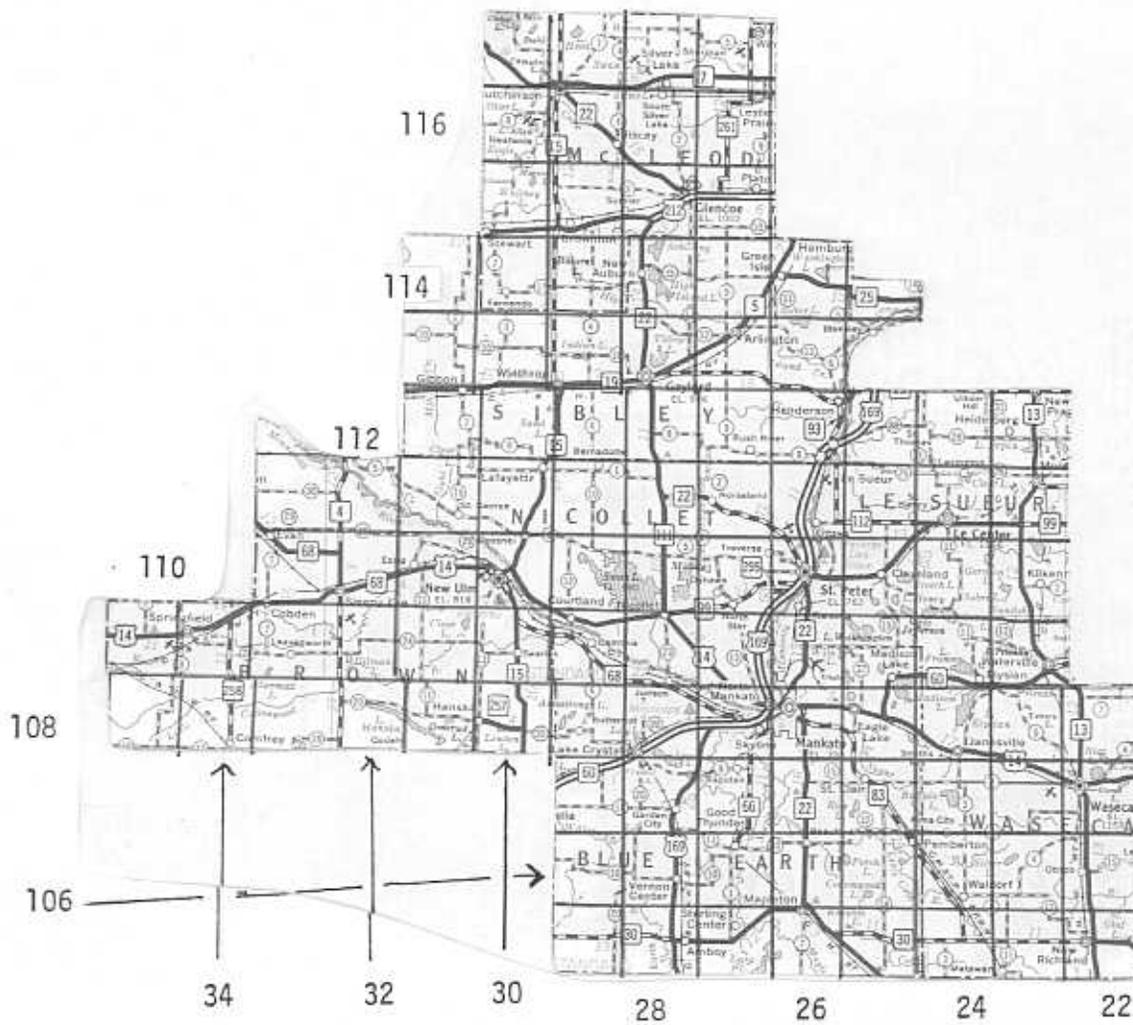


Figure 1. Map of Region 4-East. Township numbers are shown in the left margin and range numbers are shown on the bottom margin.



Salamanders

Mudpuppy

Eastern Tiger Salamander

Toads

American Toad

Frogs

Boreal chorus frog )  
Western chorus frog ) s.s.

Northern leopard frog

	Waseca	Blue Earth	LeSueur	Nicollet	Sibley	Brown	McLeod
						X	
				Huber X			
		X	X				X
							X
							X
	X	X	X			X	X