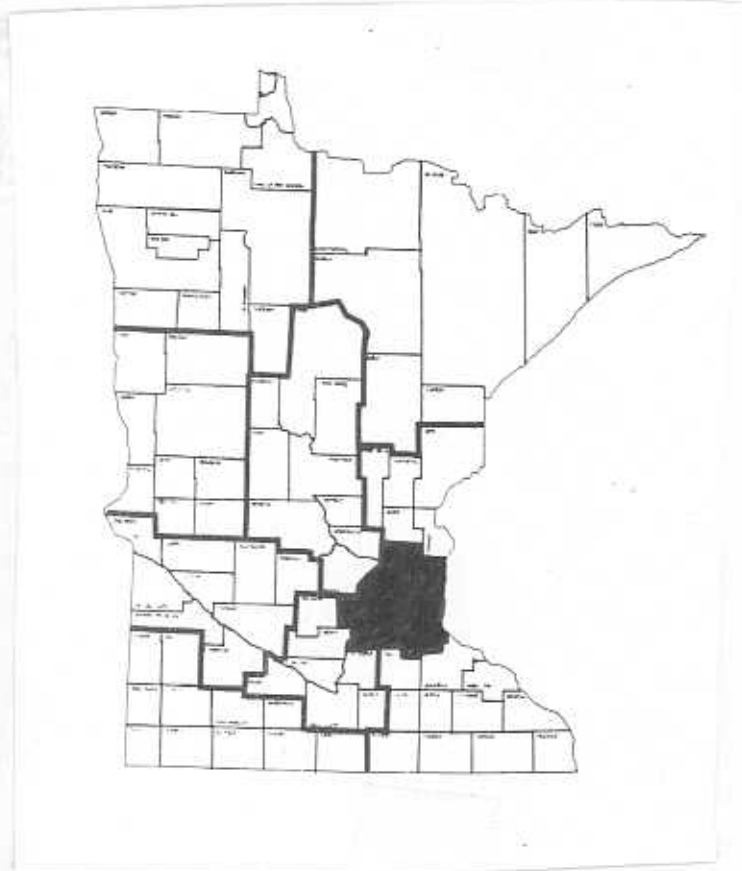


**Guide to the Reptiles  
and Amphibians of  
Metropolitan Minnesota-  
Region 6**



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Guide to the Herpetofauna of Metropolitan Minnesota  
Region 6

This preliminary guide has been prepared as a reference to the occurrence and distribution of reptiles and amphibians of Region 6 in the Metropolitan area of St. Paul and Minneapolis, 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 the region.

Counties Included: Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

SPECIES LIST

Turtles

Common snapping turtle  
\*Wood turtle  
\*False map turtle  
Map turtle  
Western painted turtle  
\*Blanding's turtle  
Smooth softshell  
Western spiny softshell

Lizards

Northern prairie skink  
\*Six-lined racerunner

Snakes

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

Salamanders

Mudpuppy  
\*Central (Common) newt  
Blue-spotted salamander  
Eastern tiger salamander

Toads

American toad

Frogs

Northern spring peeper  
Gray (common) treefrog  
Boreal chorus frog } s.s.  
Western chorus frog }  
Mink frog  
Northern leopard frog  
Green frog  
Wood frog

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

Summary

A total of 34 species have been recorded in Region 6. Two subspecies exist for the eastern garter snake and chorus frog.

Species of special interest in this region include the wood turtle, false map turtle, Blanding's turtle, six-lined racerunner, central newt, blue racer, and western smooth green snake. Any sightings of these species should be documented 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. The best identification record for frogs and toads is a recording of the call. Record the collector's name and address, date, county, township, range, section number (or distance and direction from the 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.

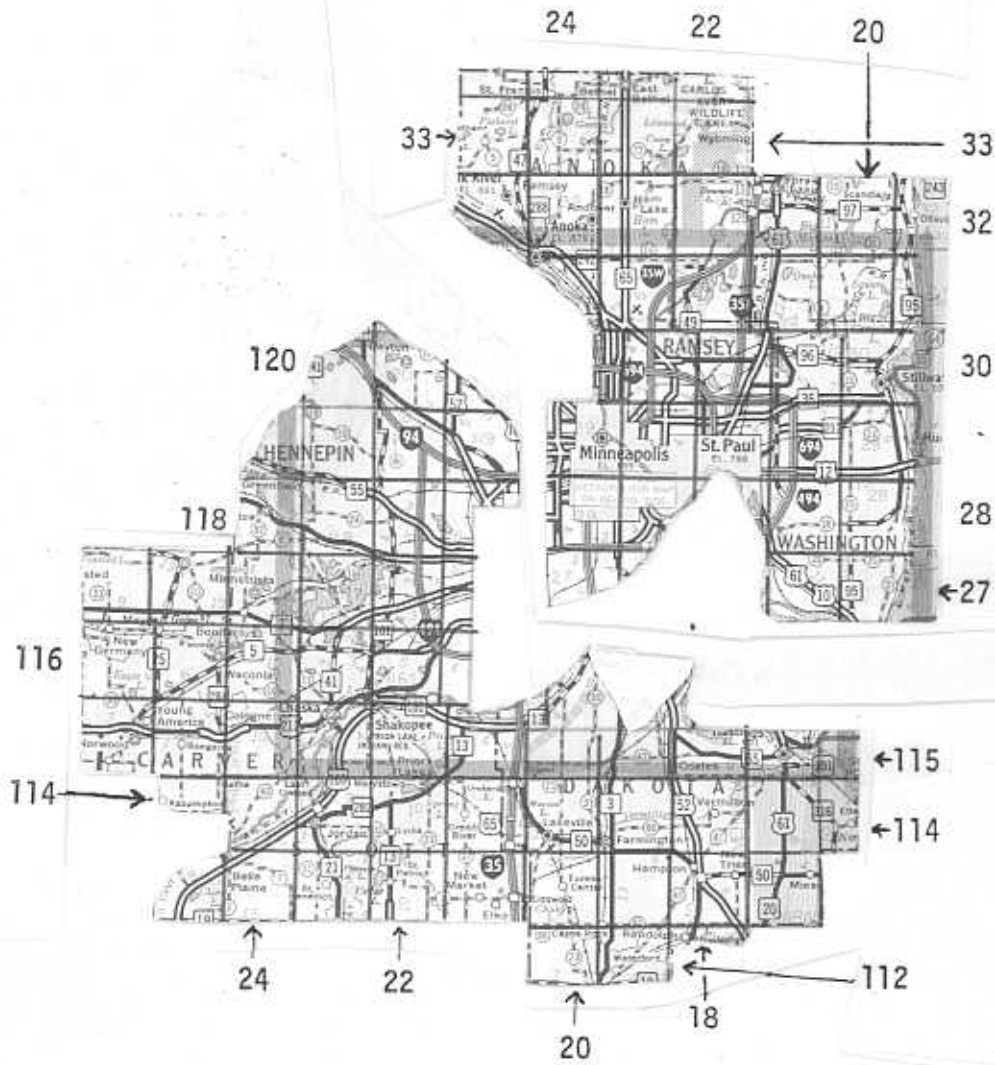


Figure 1. Map of Region 6. Township numbers are shown on right and left margins and range numbers are shown at top and bottom.

Reptiles and Amphibians of Minnesota - Region 6

Turtles

Common Snapping Turtle

Wood Turtle

False Map Turtle

Map Turtle

Western Painted Turtle

Blanding's Turtle

Smooth Softshell

Western Spiny Softshell

Lizards

Northern Prairie Skink

Six-lined Racerunner

Snakes

Red-bellied Snake

Texas Brown Snake

Northern Water Snake

Western Plains Garter Snake

Red-sided Garter Snake )  
Eastern Garter Snake ) s.s.

Plains Western Hognose Snake

Eastern Hognose Snake

Blue Racer

Western Smooth Green Snake

	Scott	Dakota	Carver	Hennepin	Ramsey	Washington	Anoka
Common Snapping Turtle	X	X	DNR X	X	X	X	X
Wood Turtle				X			
False Map Turtle						X	
Map Turtle				X		X	
Western Painted Turtle	X	X		X	X	X	
Blanding's Turtle		X		X	X	DNR X	X
Smooth Softshell				X		DNR X	
Western Spiny Softshell		X		X	X	X	X
Northern Prairie Skink	X	X	DNR X	X	X	X	X
Six-lined Racerunner					X	X	
Red-bellied Snake	X	X		X	X	X	X
Texas Brown Snake	X		X	X			
Northern Water Snake	X	X	DNR X	X		X	
Western Plains Garter Snake	X	X		X	X	X	X
Red-sided Garter Snake )	X	X	DNR X	X			X
Eastern Garter Snake ) s.s.	X	X		X	X	X	X
Plains Western Hognose Snake					X		X
Eastern Hognose Snake	X					X	X
Blue Racer		X				X	X
Western Smooth Green Snake	X	X		X	X	X	X

Snakes - Continued

Bullsnake

Western fox snake

Eastern milk snake

Salamanders

Mudpuppy

Central Newt

Blue-spotted salamander

Eastern Tiger Salamander

Toads

American Toad

Frogs

Northern spring peeper

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Mink frog

Northern leopard frog

Green frog

Wood frog

	Scott	Dakota	Carver	Hennepin	Ramsey	Washington	Anoka
Bullsnake	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Western fox snake		X		X	X	X	
Eastern milk snake	X	X		X	X	X	
Mudpuppy	X	X				X	
Central Newt				X			
Blue-spotted salamander				X			
Eastern Tiger Salamander	X	X		X	X	X	X
American Toad	DNR X	X		X	X	X	X
Northern spring peeper				X	DNR X		X
Gray treefrog				X	X	X	X
Boreal chorus frog	X	X		X	X	X	X
Western chorus frog	X	X		X	X	X	X
Mink frog					X		
Northern leopard frog	X	X		X	X	X	X
Green frog		X		X	X	X	X
Wood frog	X			X	DNR X	X	X