

# Southeast Priority Species (RSGCN): Reptiles

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The following reptile species were identified as Regional Species of Greatest Conservation Need (RSGCN) through a collaborative assessment process carried out by the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) Wildlife Diversity Committee. "Regional Stewardship Responsibility" refers to the portion of a species' range in the Southeast relative to North America as a whole. Species marked as "SEAFWA Endemics" are found only in this region, while species with 100% of their North American range in the Southeast may also occur elsewhere. Additional details of this assessment can be found at: <http://secassoutheast.org/2019/09/30/Priorities-for-Conservation-in-Southeastern-States.html>

## Very High Concern

Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Listing Status*	Southeast State Range	Regional Stewardship Responsibility
<i>Eretmochelys imbricata imbricata</i>	Atlantic Hawksbill Sea Turtle	LE	AL FL GA LA MS NC SC TX	<25% of Range
<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Atlantic Leatherback Sea Turtle	LE	AL FL GA LA MS NC SC TX VA	<25% of Range
<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	Kemp's Atlantic Ridley Sea Turtle	LE	AL FL GA LA MS NC SC TX VA	50-75% of Range
<i>Pseudemys alabamensis</i>	Alabama Red-Bellied Turtle	LE	AL MS	75-100% of Range
<i>Graptemys barbouri</i>	Barbour's Map Turtle		AL FL GA	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Plestiodon egregius lividus</i>	Blue-Tailed Mole Skink	LT	FL	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Glyptemys muhlenbergii</i>	Bog Turtle (Southern DPS)	LT(S/A)	GA NC SC TN VA	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Graptemys caglei</i>	Cagle's Map Turtle		TX	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Plestiodon egregius insularis</i>	Cedar Key Mole Skink		FL	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Drymarchon couperi</i>	Eastern Indigo Snake	LT	AL FL GA MS	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Sternotherus depressus</i>	Flattened Musk Turtle	LT	AL	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Plestiodon egregius egregius</i>	Florida Keys Mole Skink		FL	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Plestiodon reynoldsi</i>	Florida Sand Skink	LT	FL	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Sceloporus woodi</i>	Florida Scrub Lizard	At-risk	FL	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Pituophis ruthveni</i>	Louisiana Pinesnake	LT	LA TX	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Graptemys gibbonsi</i>	Pascagoula Map Turtle	At-risk	AL MS	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Holbrookia lacerata subcaudalis</i>	Southern Earless Lizard		TX	50-75% of Range
<i>Graptemys flavimaculata</i>	Yellow-Blotched Map Turtle	LT	MS	75-100% of Range

\*Federal Listing Status Categories: **LT** = Listed Threatened; **LE** = Listed Endangered; **LT(S/A)** = Listed Threatened due to similarity of appearance; **At-risk** = proposed for listing, candidate for listing, or being evaluated for listing based on third-party petitions

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<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Atlantic Green Sea Turtle	LT	AL FL GA LA MS NC SC TX VA	25-50% of Range
<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Atlantic Loggerhead Sea Turtle	LT	AL FL GA LA MS NC SC TX VA	25-50% of Range
<i>Macrochelys temminckii</i>	Alligator Snapping Turtle	At-risk	AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS OK TN TX VA	75-100% of Range
<i>Pituophis melanoleucus lodingi</i>	Black Pinesnake	LT	AL LA MS	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Graptemys nigrinoda</i>	Black-Knobbed Map Turtle	At-risk	AL MS	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Nerodia harteri</i>	Brazos Water Snake		TX	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Deirochelys reticularia</i> (including <i>miaria</i> and <i>reticularia</i> )	Chicken Turtle (including Eastern and Western)		AL AR FL GA LA MO MS NC OK SC TX VA	75-100% of Range
<i>Plestiodon anthracinus</i> (including <i>anthracinus</i> and <i>pluvialis</i> )	Coal Skink (including Northern and Southern)		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	75-100% of Range
<i>Nerodia paucimaculata</i>	Concho Water Snake	Delisted 2011	TX	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Malaclemys terrapin</i> (including <i>terrapin</i> , <i>centrata</i> , <i>littoralis</i> , <i>macrospilota</i> , <i>pileata</i> , <i>rhizophorarum</i> , and <i>tequesta</i> )	Diamondback Terrapin (including Carolina, Texas, Mississippi, Ornate, Mangrove, Northern, and Eastern Florida)		AL FL GA LA MS NC SC TX VA	75-100% of Range
<i>Sceloporus arenicolus</i>	Dunes Sagebrush Lizard		TX	25-50% of Range
<i>Heterodon gloydi</i>	Dusty Hog-Nosed Snake		MO OK TX	75-100% of Range
<i>Micrurus fulvius</i>	Eastern Coral Snake		AL AR FL GA LA MS NC SC	75-100% of Range
<i>Crotalus adamanteus</i>	Eastern Diamond-backed Rattlesnake	At-risk	AL FL GA LA MS NC SC	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Ophisaurus ventralis</i>	Eastern Glass Lizard		AL FL GA LA MS NC SC VA	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Graptemys ernsti</i>	Escambia Map Turtle	At-risk	AL FL	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Pituophis melanoleucus mugitus</i>	Florida Pine Snake	At-risk	AL FL GA SC	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>	Gopher Tortoise	LT	AL FL GA LA MS SC	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Ophisaurus compressus</i>	Island Glass Lizard		FL GA SC	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Diadophis punctatus acricus</i>	Key Ringneck Snake	At-risk	FL	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Ophisaurus mimicus</i>	Mimic Glass Lizard		AL FL GA MS NC SC	SEAFWA Endemic

<i>Pituophis melanoleucus melanoleucus</i>	Northern Pine Snake		AL GA KY MS NC TN VA WV	75-100% of Range
<i>Terrapene ornata</i>	Ornate Box Turtle		AR LA OK	25-50% of Range
<i>Graptemys pearlensis</i>	Pearl River Map Turtle		LA MS	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Pituophis melanoleucus</i>	Pine Snake (Northern)		AL AR FL GA KY LA MS NC SC TN VA WV	75-100% of Range
<i>Rhadinaea flavilata</i>	Pine Woods Littersnake		AL FL GA LA MS NC SC	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Holbrookia lacerata lacerata</i>	Plateau Earless Lizard		TX	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Farancia erythrogramma (including erythrogramma)</i>	Rainbow Snake (including Common)		AL FL GA LA MS NC SC VA	75-100% of Range
<i>Sternotherus carinatus</i>	Razor-Backed Musk Turtle		AL AR LA MS OK	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Crotaphytus reticulatus</i>	Reticulate Collared Lizard		TX	50-75% of Range
<i>Tantilla oolitica</i>	Rim Rock Crowned Snake	At-risk	FL	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Graptemys oculifera</i>	Ringed Map Turtle	LT	LA MS	75-100% of Range
<i>Lampropeltis extenuata</i>	Short-Tailed Snake		FL	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Ophisaurus attenuatus (including longicaudus)</i>	Slender Glass Lizard (including Eastern)		AL AR FL GA KY LA MS NC OK SC TN TX VA	75-100% of Range
<i>Heterodon simus</i>	Southern Hognose Snake	At-risk	AL FL GA MS NC SC	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Chrysemys dorsalis</i>	Southern Painted Turtle		KY LA MO MS OK TN	75-100% of Range
<i>Eumeces septentrionalis obtusirostris</i>	Southern Prairie Skink		LA MO OK TX	75-100% of Range
<i>Clemmys guttata</i>	Spotted Turtle		FL GA NC SC VA WV	25-50% of Range
<i>Sternotherus minor peltifer</i>	Stripe-Necked Musk Turtle		GA LA MS NC VA	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Macrochelys suwanniensis</i>	Suwannee Alligator Snapping Turtle		FL GA	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Phrynosoma cornutum</i>	Texas Horned Lizard		AR LA MO OK TX	75-100% of Range
<i>Drymarchon melanurus erebennus</i>	Texas Indigo Snake		TX	50-75% of Range
<i>Graptemys versa</i>	Texas Map Turtle		TX	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Cemophora lineri</i>	Texas Scarlet Snake		TX	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Gopherus berlandieri</i>	Texas Tortoise		TX	50-75% of Range

## Moderate Concern

Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Listing Status	Southeast State Range	Regional Stewardship Responsibility
<i>Graptemys pulchra</i>	Alabama Map Turtle	At-risk	AL GA MS	75-100% of Range
<i>Crocodylus acutus</i>	American Crocodile	LT	FL	<25% of Range
<i>Lampropeltis meansi</i>	Apalachicola Kingsnake		FL	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Tantilla cucullata</i>	Big Bend Blackheaded Snake		TX	75-100% of Range
<i>Trachemys gaigeae</i>	Big Bend Slider		TX	50-75% of Range
<i>Liodytes pygaea (including cyclas &amp; paludis)</i>	Black Swampsnake (including Southern Florida & Carolina)		AL FL GA NC SC	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Nerodia sipedon williamengelsi</i>	Carolina Water Snake		NC	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Tantilla relicta pamlica</i>	Coastal Dunes Crowned Snake		FL	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Trachemys scripta troostii</i>	Cumberland Slider		GA NC TN VA	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Terrapene carolina (including carolina, major and triunguis)</i>	Eastern Box Turtle (including Eastern, Gulf Coast and Three-toed)		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	50-75% of Range
<i>Storeria victa</i>	Florida Brown Snake (Lower Keys Population)		FL GA	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Nerodia floridana</i>	Florida Green Watersnake		AL FL GA SC	75-100% of Range
<i>Rhineura floridana</i>	Florida Wormlizard		FL GA	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Liodytes rigida (including deltae and sinicola)</i>	Glossy Swampsnake (including Delta & Gulf Crayfish)		AL AR FL GA LA MS NC OK SC TX VA	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Farancia abacura (including reinwardtii)</i>	Mudsnake (including Western)		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA	75-100% of Range
<i>Pseudemys rubriventris</i>	Northern Red-Bellied Cooter	Petitioned 2010	NC VA WV	50-75% of Range
<i>Graptemys ouachitensis</i>	Ouachita Map Turtle		AL AR KY LA MO MS OK TN TX WV	50-75% of Range
<i>Plestiodon egregius onocrepis</i>	Peninsula Mole Skink		FL	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Sistrurus tergeminus tergeminus</i>	Prairie Massasauga		MO OK TX	50-75% of Range
<i>Sistrurus miliarius (including miliarius and streckeri)</i>	Pygmy Rattlesnake (including Carolina and Western)		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN	75-100% of Range
<i>Pseudemys gorzugi</i>	Rio Grande Cooter		TX	50-75% of Range

<i>Graptemys sabinensis</i>	Sabine Map Turtle		LA TX	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Nerodia clarkii</i> ( <i>clarkii</i> , <i>compressicauda</i> & <i>taeniata</i> )	Saltmarsh Snake (Gulf, Mangrove & Atlantic)		AL FL LA MS TX	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Apalone mutica</i>	Smooth Softshell Turtle		AL AR FL KY LA MO MS OK TN TX WV	50-75% of Range
<i>Lampropeltis occipitolineata</i>	South Florida Mole Kingsnake		FL	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Kinosternon baurii</i>	Striped Mud Turtle		FL GA NC SC VA	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Crotalus horridus</i>	Timber Rattlesnake		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	50-75% of Range