

Reptiles & Amphibians of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve - 3/1/2021

(The Big Morongo Canyon (BMC) area of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve ACEC)

Abundance
C = Common
U = Uncommon
R = Rare
E = May be extirpated from Big Morongo Canyon
? = No records in Big Morongo Canyon, but occurs in the BMCP ACEC or near BMC

Name	Abundance	Comments
Amphibians		
Western Toad <i>Anaxyrus boreas</i>	E	
Red-spotted Toad <i>Anaxyrus punctatus</i>	E	
Baja California Treefrog <i>Pseudacris hypochondriaca</i>	U	Once common in marshy and riparian areas, it is in decline as surface water becomes less available.
Lizards		
San Diegan Legless Lizard <i>Anniella stebbinsi</i>	U	Not often seen, as it remains hidden beneath decaying organic matter
Long-nosed Leopard Lizard <i>Gambelia wislizenii</i>	R	
Desert Banded Gecko <i>Coleonyx variegatus variegatus</i>	C	Nocturnal, so rarely seen

Common Chuckwalla <i>Sauromalus ater</i>	U	Occurs on rocky canyon walls in lower BMC near Desert Hot Springs
Western Zebra-tailed Lizard <i>Callisaurus draconoides rhodostictus</i>	C	Common, but occurs only in sandy areas in lower BMC near Desert Hot Springs
Blainville's Horned Lizard <i>Phrynosoma blainvillii</i>	R	
Desert Spiny Lizard <i>Sceloporus magister</i>	C	
Great Basin Fence Lizard <i>Sceloporus occidentalis longipes</i>	C	Common, but occurs only in upper BMC near Morongo Valley
Western Side-blotched Lizard <i>Uta stansburiana elegans</i>	C	
Peninsula Leaf-toed Gecko <i>Phyllodactylus nocticolus</i>	?	Occurs in BMCP ACEC
Western Red-tailed Skink <i>Plestiodon gilberti rubricaudatus</i>	C/U	Likely common in marshy and riparian areas, but secretive as it moves among low growth
Great Basin Whiptail <i>Aspidoscelis tigris tigris</i>	C	
Desert Night Lizard <i>Xantusia vigilis</i>	U	Usually associated with yucca plants, where it forages under fallen limbs/debris, but is found by the BMCP Nature Center
Snakes		
Rosy Boa <i>Lichanura orcutti</i>	C	
Glossy Snake <i>Arizona elegans</i>	?	Occurs in Morongo Valley and just outside BMC in Desert Hot Springs

Mohave Shovel-nosed Snake <i>Chionactis occipitalis</i>	?	Occurs in BMCP ACEC
Red Racer <i>Coluber flagellum piceus</i>	C	
California Striped Racer <i>Coluber lateralis lateralis</i>	C	
California Kingsnake <i>Lampropeltis californiae</i>	C	
Great Basin Gophersnake <i>Pituophis catenifer deserticola</i>	U	
Long-nosed Snake <i>Rhinocheilus lecontei</i>	U	
Western Patch-nosed Snake <i>Salvadora hexalepis</i>	?	Occurs in BMCP ACEC
California Lyresnake <i>Trimorphodon lyrophanes</i>	?	Occurs in BMCP ACEC
Southwestern Threadsnake <i>Rena humilis humilis</i>	R	
Southwestern Speckled Rattlesnake <i>Crotalus pyrrhus</i>	U	
Red Diamond Rattlesnake <i>Crotalus ruber</i>	C	
Southern Pacific Rattlesnake <i>Crotalus oreganus helleri</i>	?	Occurs occasionally in Morongo Valley

Turtles

Mojave Desert Tortoise
Gopherus agassizii

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