

In addition to the examination of species caught at Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center, museum records and university collections from Texas A&M University, University of Texas-Austin, University of Texas-Arlington, University of New Mexico, University of Kansas, and the University of Michigan were used to compile this checklist. Every amphibian or reptile on this list *can* be found, *has* been found, *should* be found, or *could* be found at the park. However, as with all checklists, species will either be added or deleted as more information is obtained. Amphibians and reptile species that have been documented in the park are listed below in **bold**.

## Amphibians

### Tailed Amphibians

- Central Newt**
- Dwarf Salamander
- Gulf Coast Waterdog
- Southern Dusky Salamander
- Smallmouth Salamander**
- Three-toed Amphiuma**
- Western Lesser Siren**

### Frogs and Toads

- Bronze Frog**
- Bullfrog**
- Cope's Gray Treefrog**
- East Texas Toad
- Eastern Narrow-mouth Toad**
- Gray Treefrog**
- Great Plains Narrow-mouth Toad
- Green Treefrog**
- Gulf Coast Toad**
- Hurter's Spadefoot Toad**
- Northern Cricket Frog**
- Spring Peeper**

### Frogs and Toads (continued)

- Rio Grande Chirping Frog**
- Southern Leopard Frog**
- Squirrel Treefrog**
- Upland Chorus Frog**

## Reptiles

### Lizards

- Broadhead Skink
- Brown Anole
- Five-Lined Skink**
- Green Anole**
- Ground Skink**
- Mediterranean Gecko**
- Northern Fence Lizard**
- Six-lined Racerunner
- Southern Prairie Skink
- Texas Horned Lizard
- Western Slender Glass Lizard

### Non-Venomous (harmless) Snakes

- Blotched Water Snake**
- Broad-banded Water Snake**
- Buttermilk Racer**
- Diamondback Water Snake**
- Dusty Hognose Snake
- Eastern Coachwhip**
- Eastern Garter Snake
- Eastern Hognose Snake**
- Flathead Snake
- Graham's Crayfish Snake**
- Gulf Coast Ribbon Snake**
- Louisiana Milk Snake**
- Mississippi Green Water Snake
- Mississippi Ring-necked Snake
- Plains Blind Snake
- Prairie Kingsnake

### Harmless Snakes (continued)

- Rough Earth Snake**
- Rough Green Snake**
- Slowinski's Corn Snake
- Texas Brown Snake**
- Texas Rat Snake**
- Western Earth Snake
- Western Mud Snake**
- Western Ribbon Snake**
- Yellowbelly Water Snake**

### Venomous Snakes

- Southern Copperhead**
- Texas Coral Snake**
- Timber Rattlesnake
- Western Cottonmouth**
- Western Pigmy Rattlesnake

### Turtles

- Alligator Snapping Turtle
- Common Snapping Turtle**
- Midland Smooth Softshell Turtle**
- Mississippi Map Turtle
- Mississippi Mud Turtle**
- Ornate Box Turtle**
- Pallid Spiny Softshell Turtle**
- Razorback Musk Turtle**
- Red-eared Slider**
- River Cooter**
- Stinkpot**
- Three-toed Box Turtle**
- Western Chicken Turtle**

### Alligators

- American Alligator**

Venomous snake information on back.



# Reptiles and Amphibians

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Please remember that all reptiles and amphibians are wild animals and should only be observed in nature, and not handled or harassed. The most dangerous snake is the one that you do not respect!

Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center has displays of many local snakes, to assist the public in learning to identify these reptiles, and being able to tell the difference between the harmless and venomous species in the area.

If you have any questions about these beneficial creatures, please feel free to ask any of the park naturalists.

The three snakes shown on this page are the most common venomous species found in Harris County.

Southern Copperhead



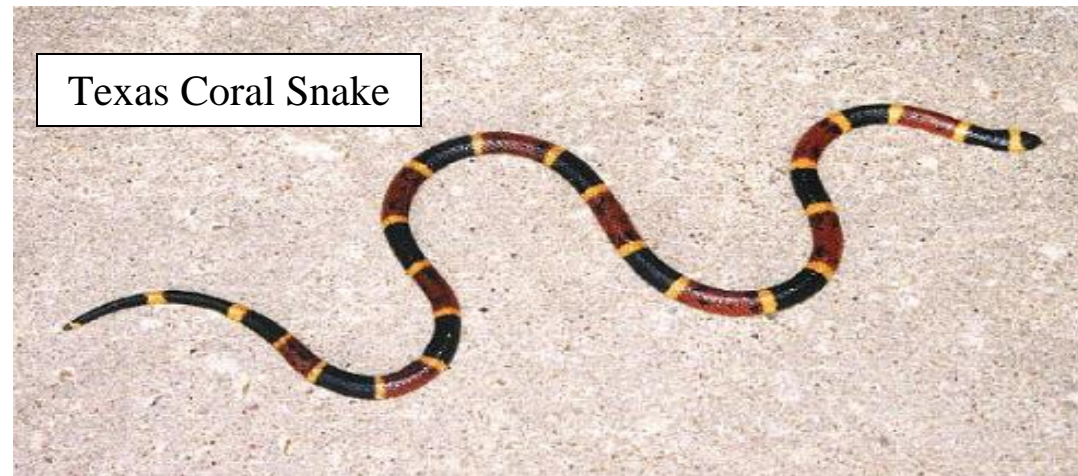
- Light brown/copper color with dark brown bands
- From the side, dark brown bands resemble a triangle or “Hershey’s® Kisses”
- Young copperheads have a green or yellow tip on their tail

Western Cottonmouth



- Dark brown/black in color
- Young snakes may have some pattern or blotching
- White lower jaw with a dark ‘raccoon mask’ stripe over the eye, and a thin white stripe above the eye

Texas Coral Snake



- Very brightly colored, with red, yellow, and black bands
- If the red and yellow bands are touching, it is a venomous coral snake, if red and black are touching, it is a non-venomous milk snake
- Remember: “If red touches yellow, it could kill a fellow, but if red touches black, venom lack!”