

Have You Seen Us?

Join the Natural History Museum's Reptiles and Amphibians of Southern California (RASCals) project to help us figure out where our local reptiles and amphibians live!

With the Museum's increasing interest in urban biodiversity, we have started looking at all types of wildlife in our highly modified industrial, suburban, and urban habitats. RASCals has two main goals: 1) to find out how the distributions of reptile and amphibian species have been shaped by the rapid changes that people have made to Southern California habitats, and 2) to discover and track introduced reptile and amphibian species that may be interacting with native species.

For more details about the RASCals project, visit the website at www.nhm.org/rascals or the iNaturalist project page at www.inaturalist.org/projects/rascals.

Contact us at rascals@nhm.org or (213) 763-3535.



Southern Alligator Lizard
Elgaria multicarinata



Baja California Chorusfrog
Pseudacris hypochondriaca



Western Fence Lizard
Sceloporus occidentalis



Gopher Snake
Pituophis catenifer



HOW TO PARTICIPATE

It's easy to participate! All you need to do is follow three easy steps. Remember reptiles and amphibians are protected by law, so please do not attempt to kill, collect, or take any wild reptiles or amphibians.

1. Find lizards, snakes, turtles, frogs, and salamanders

Go out and find species in your neighborhood or anywhere in Southern California.

2. Take Pictures

Once you find a reptile or amphibian, take at least one photo of it. Also document the locality either through the GPS in your camera or smartphone or writing down the street address or other locality description.

3. Submit Observations

Submit your photos at the project page, www.inaturalist.org/projects/rascals. You can also e-mail the photos with supporting data (date, time, address/locality, and any observational notes) to rascals@nhm.org.



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