

Chapter 10- Nongame Species In Need Of Conservation

001 The following regulations are prescribed by the Game and Parks Commission, State of Nebraska in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-301, 37-314, 37-4,105, 37-4,106, 37-546 through 37-549, 37-701, and 37-801 through 37-810. For purposes of these regulations, unless context otherwise requires, the definitions found in Chapter 37, sections 202 through 247 of the Game Law, are used.

001.01 Mammals

White-tailed jackrabbit - *Lepus townsendii*

Black-tailed jackrabbit - *Lepus californicus*

001.01A Jackrabbit Hunting Seasons

001.01A1 Open Season: September 1 through the last day in February.

001.01A2 Area Open: That area of Nebraska lying west of line extending from the South Dakota-Nebraska border south along U.S. Highway 81 to the Nebraska-Kansas border, except Federal or State Sanctuaries, unless otherwise authorized.

001.01A3 Hours Open Each Day: 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

001.01A4 Daily Bag Limit: Four (4).

001.01A5 Possession limit at any time during or after the fourth day: Sixteen (16).

001.02 Reptile and Amphibian Species in Need of Conservation - The following reptile and amphibian species shall be considered nongame species in need of conservation. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, possess, transport, export, process, sell or offer for sale, or ship nongame wildlife in need of conservation unless authorized to do so by the Commission under the authority of a scientific collection permit.

Species with no take:

Smallmouthed Salamander	<i>Ambystoma texanum</i>
American Toad	<i>Anaxyrus americanus</i>
Plains Narrowmouth Toad	<i>Gastrophryne olivacea</i>
Common Five-lined Skink	<i>Plestiodon fasciatus</i>
Great Plains Skink	<i>Plestiodon obsoletus</i>
Sagebrush Lizard	<i>Sceloporus graciosus</i>
Slender Glass Lizard	<i>Ophisaurus attenuatus</i>
Greater Short-horned Lizard	<i>Phrynosoma hernandesi</i>

Western Worm Snake	<i>Carphophis vermis</i>
Timber Rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus horridus</i>
Prairie Kingsnake	<i>Lampropeltis calligaster</i>
Speckled Kingsnake	<i>Lampropeltis holbrooki</i>
Glossy Snake	<i>Arizona elegans</i>
Smooth Green snake	<i>Opheodrys vernalis</i>
Graham's Crayfish Snake	<i>Regina grahamii</i>
Plains Black-headed Snake	<i>Tantilla nigriceps</i>
Western Ribbon snake	<i>Thamnophis proximus</i>
Red-bellied Snake	<i>Storeria occipitomaculata</i> S
Eastern Copperhead	<i>Agkistrodon contortrix</i>
Western Terrestrial Gartersnake	<i>Thamnophis elegans</i>
Blanding's Turtle	<i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>
Diamondback Water Snake	<i>Nerodia rhombifer</i>

001.03 Regulated Taking of Reptiles and Amphibians - The provisions of 001.03 apply to all species and subspecies of reptiles and amphibians native to Nebraska except those legally designated as Game species, Nongame Species in Need of Conservation, and Threatened or Endangered species. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, possess, transport, export, process, sell or offer for sale, or ship any reptile or amphibian species defined in this section except as provided in 001.03A. No exception to these prohibitions will be provided for export unless granted by the Commission for scientific research or education, or as may be specifically allowed in Commission regulations governing bait dealers or fish dealers as authorized in 37-4,105 and 37-4,106.

001.03A Exceptions - The following exceptions are provided to the prohibitions outlined in 001.03.

001.03A1 In-state transport, possession, processing, sale or offer of sale of the following species will be permitted in accordance with 37-4,105 and 37-4,106, and the regulations defined for bait and baitfish species in NAC 164, Fisheries Regulations.

Bait Species:

Plains Leopard Frog	<i>Lithobates blairi</i>
Northern Leopard Frog	<i>Lithobates pipiens</i>

001.03A2 For those individual specimens or parts thereof legally obtained by purchase or consignment from outside of Nebraska, sale, offer of sale and associated transport, possession or processing will be permitted without regard to limits or numbers for the species listed below in 001.03A3 and 001.03A4, provided

that such authority shall be contingent upon a persons ability to provide proof of legal acquisition including bill of sale or consignment.

001.03A3 Take of individuals from the wild within Nebraska and associated in-state transport, possession, or processing will be permitted with a bag and possession limit of ten (10) individuals per species, or products derived from ten (10) individuals per species.

Species with Take Up to 10 Individuals:

Blanchard's Cricket Frog	<i>Acris blanchardi</i>
Boreal Chorus Frog	<i>Pseudacris maculata</i>
Great Plains Toad	<i>Anaxyrus cognatus</i>
Woodhouse's Toad	<i>Anaxyrus woodhousii</i>
Plains Spadefoot	<i>Spea bombifrons</i>
Six-lined Racerunner	<i>Aspidoscelis sexlineata</i>
Northern Prairie Lizard	<i>Sceloporus consobrinus</i>
North American Racer	<i>Coluber constrictor</i>
Prairie Rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus viridis</i>
Ring-necked Snake	<i>Diadophis punctatus</i>
Northern Water Snake	<i>Nerodia sipedon</i>
Bullsnake	<i>Pituophis catenifer</i>
Plains Gartersnake	<i>Thamnophis radix</i>
Common Garter snake	<i>Thamnophis sirtalis</i>
Painted Turtle	<i>Chrysemys picta</i>
False Map Turtle	<i>Graptemys pseudogeographica</i>

001.03A4 Take of individuals from the wild in Nebraska, and associated in-state transport, possession, or processing will be permitted for the following species with a bag and possession limit of three (3) individuals per species, or products derived from three (3) individuals per species.

Species with Take Up to 3 Individuals:

Cope's Gray Treefrog	<i>Hyla chrysoscelis</i>
Gray Treefrog	<i>Hyla versicolor</i>
Northern Prairie Skink	<i>Plestiodon septentrionalis</i>
Many-lined Skink	<i>Plestiodon multivirgatus</i>
Common Lesser Earless Lizard	<i>Holbrookia maculata</i>
Great Plains Rat Snake	<i>Pantherophis emoryi</i>
Western Black Ratsnake	<i>Pantherophis obsoleta</i>

Western Fox Snake	<i>Pantherophis ramspotti</i>
Plains Hog-nosed Snake	<i>Heterodon nasicus</i>
Eastern Hog-nosed Snake	<i>Heterodon platirhinos</i>
Western Milksnake	<i>Lampropeltis gentilis</i>
Coachwhip Snake	<i>Coluber flagellum</i>
Dekay's Brown Snake	<i>Storeria dekayi</i>
Lined Snake	<i>Tropidoclonion lineatum</i>
Yellow Mud Turtle	<i>Kinosternon flavescens</i>
Ornate Box Turtle	<i>Terrapene ornata</i>
Smooth Softshell	<i>Apalone mutica</i>
Spiny Softshell	<i>Apalone spinifera</i>
Red-Eared Slider Turtle	<i>Trachemys scripta</i>

001.03A5 Pertaining to the species identified in 001.03, the Commission may permit any act otherwise prohibited by these regulations by issuing a scientific collectors permit for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation and survival of the affected species.

001.04 Release of Reptiles and Amphibians - It shall be unlawful to release into the wild any live reptile or amphibian after such animal has been transported from one location to another over a distance exceeding 100 yards without the authorization of the Commission.

