



Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Permit Application for Temporary Exemption to Possess Prohibited Nonnative Reptile and Amphibian Species for Personal Use

For assistance completing this form, please call 337-735-8676 or email LDWFHerps@wlf.la.gov.
All prohibited nonnative species must be registered with LDWF by **January 20, 2026**.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

NOTE: Missing or incomplete information may delay application processing time.

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Primary Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Email Address: _____

Owner (if different from above): _____

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address:

Street	City	State	Zip
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Physical location where prohibited species will be held (if different from mailing address):

Street	City	State	Zip
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Would you like to help us reduce paper by choosing to receive your permit by email? Yes No

2. APPLICATION TYPE:

Please check all that apply:

- New application for nonnative prohibited species
- Renewal application for nonnative prohibited species

I am in possession of cobra(s) (Genera *Naja*, *Ophiophagus*, *Pseudohaje*, *Aspidelaps*, or *Walterinnesia*), mamba(s) (Genus *Dendroaspis*), taipan(s) (Genus *Oxyuranus*), krait(s) (Genus *Bungarus*), boomslang(s) (Genus *Dispholidus*), twig snake(s) (Genus *Thelotornis*), keelback snake(s) (Genus *Rhabdophis*), and/or stiletto snake(s) (Family Atractaspididae)

I am in possession of Burmese python(s), crocodilian(s), Nile monitor(s), savannah monitor(s), green iguana(s), brown anole(s), and/or brown tree snake(s)

I am in possession of tegu(s)

I am in possession of Cuban treefrog(s), cane toad(s), and/or African clawed frog(s)

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Permit Number: _____

Issue Date: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Date Received: _____

Inspection Date: _____

3. PERMIT AND CAGING REQUIREMENTS:

It is unlawful to engage in captive breeding activities for prohibited reptile and amphibian species regardless of age or species. Photograph(s) showing dorsal view (from top down) of each individual must be submitted with the application.

Minimum enclosure sizes for snakes and lizards (e.g., monitors, iguana, and tegus, etc.) are listed below:

- Snakes 8 feet in length and longer - the perimeter shall not be less than the length of the snake, and the height shall not be less than twelve inches
- Snakes less than 8 feet in length - minimum size shall be relative to the length of the body and tail and shall be 1/2 that length on the longest side
- Lizards size shall be based relative to the length of the body and tail and shall be at least 1.5 times that length on the longest side, 1 times on the shortest side, and 1.2 times in height

I have prohibited nonnative reptile/amphibian species housed outdoors.

Please describe your outdoor setup (if more space is needed, include additional information as an attachment):

I have attached photos of the outdoor enclosure(s).

I am willing to increase the enclosure size as necessary.

I have prohibited nonnative reptile/amphibian species housed indoors.

Size of tank/enclosure (if more space is needed, include additional information as an attachment):

I have attached photos of the indoor enclosure(s).

I am willing to increase the enclosure size as necessary.

4. PROHIBITED SPECIES INVENTORY REPORT:

See Appendix A for the list of prohibited nonnative reptile and amphibian species.

If more space is needed, include additional information as an attachment.

SPECIES	SEX (M, F, or Unk)	AGE	YEAR ACQUIRED	QUANTITY

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5. AFFIDAVIT

I hereby certify and affirm that all of the information provided in this application is accurate and complete and

- (1) *I attest that I possess the prohibited nonnative reptile and amphibian species included as part of this permit and agree to comply with LAC 76:XV.101.*
- (2) *I have read and agree to follow the rules pertaining to possession of prohibited nonnative reptile and amphibian species (LAC 76:XV.101).*
- (3) *I agree to not acquire any additional prohibited nonnative reptile and amphibian species.*
- (4) *I agree to allow inspection of property by authorized employees of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries during normal business hours.*
- (5) *I acknowledge that it is unlawful to release nonnative reptile and amphibian species into the wild or transfer possession of prohibited nonnative reptile and amphibian species except to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or their designated agent.*
- (6) *I agree to provide a valid, signed Hold Harmless Agreement form (see attachment- Appendix B).*

I understand that under Louisiana law it is a crime to make a false statement on this form.

Signature of Applicant

____/____/_____
Date

Please return completed application to:
State Herpetologist, Wildlife Diversity Program
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
200 Dulles Drive
Lafayette, LA 70506

Email: LDWFHerps@wlf.la.gov

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries may refuse issuance of a permit if the applicant has received a final conviction for a Title 56 or Title 76, Class 3 or higher violation within three years prior to application submittal.

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries reserves the right to determine if an application meets the requirements for issuance.

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will endeavor to respond within 30 days of receipt of application.

LDWF Contact	Name: Keri Lejeune	Title: State Herpetologist
	Address: 200 Dulles Dr., Lafayette, LA 70506	Phone: 337-735-8676

LDWF Authorizing Signature: _____ Date: _____

Under the authority of Section K of LAC 76:XV.101, the applicant is hereby granted a temporary exemption to possess prohibited nonnative reptile and amphibians species as specified above until those individuals expire.

The following conditions apply to this permit:

- It is unlawful to participate in importation, possession, sale, attempting to sell, transfer, release, and reproduce in the state due to the potential risk of establishment in the wild and detrimental hazard to native wildlife and public health and safety.
- Any person in possession of prohibited nonnative reptiles or amphibians shall have until January 20, 2026 to register these prohibited nonnative individuals in their possession with LDWF in order to retain the registered animals for the life of said animals.
- Permits for registered prohibited nonnative reptiles and amphibians shall expire on December 31, 2027 and must be renewed every two years. Permit holders must renew their permit within 30 days of the expiration date.
- Persons or businesses in possession of prohibited nonnative reptiles and amphibians for commercial sale shall have until January 20, 2026 to sell inventory of these species or surrender said inventory to LDWF.
- After January 20, 2026, it is unlawful to engage in breeding activities of prohibited nonnative reptile and amphibian species.
- Notification of relocation of facilities shall be made to LDWF within 30 days of a move.
- In the event of an escape of a prohibited nonnative reptile or amphibian species, Department personnel shall be notified immediately via the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries 24-hour hotline number (800.442.2511).

Appendix A

The following nonnative reptile and amphibian species are prohibited from importation, possession, sale, attempting to sell, transfer, release, and reproduction in the state due to the potential risk of establishment in the wild and detrimental hazard to native wildlife and/or public health and safety. Individuals in possession of the species listed below have until January 20, 2026 to register those animals with the Department and acquire a permit. Permits shall be renewed every two years and are valid until permitted animals expire. In the event of an escape of a prohibited nonnative reptile or amphibian species, Department personnel shall be notified immediately via the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries 24-hour hotline number (800-442-2511).

- i. All crocodylians
- ii. All species in the Genera *Salvator* and *Tupinambis*, including the Argentine Black and White Tegu (*Salvator merianae*)
- iii. Nile Monitor (*Varanus niloticus*)
- iv. Savannah Monitor (*Varanus exanthematicus*)
- v. Green Iguana (*Iguana iguana*)
- vi. Brown Anole (*Anolis sagrei*)
- vii. Burmese Python (*Python bivittatus*)
- viii. Brown Tree Snake (*Boiga irregularis*)
- ix. All Genera in the Family Atractaspididae (stiletto snakes)
- x. All species in the Genera *Dispholidus* (boomslangs), *Thelotornis* (twig snakes), and *Rhabdophis* (keelback snakes) of the Family Colubridae
- xi. All species in the Genera *Naja*, *Ophiophagus*, *Pseudohaje*, *Aspidelaps*, and *Walterinnesia* (cobras); *Dendroaspis* (mambas), *Oxyuranus* (taipans), and *Bungarus* (kraits) of the Family Elapidae
- xii. Cuban Treefrog (*Osteopilus septentrionalis*)
- xiii. Cane Toad (*Rhinella marina*)
- xiv. African Clawed Frog (*Xenopus laevis*)

**Appendix B
Hold Harmless Agreement**

Please review and concur on the following statement regarding the issuance of permits by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries:

“I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold the State of Louisiana and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, its employees and assigns, harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, expenses and liability arising out of injury or death to any person or the damage, loss or destruction of any property that may occur or in any way grow out of the activities allowed under this permit, including that alleged to result from the negligence of the state, the Department, its employees or assigns. I understand that by applying for and accepting a permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, I am being allowed to engage in an activity that would otherwise be prohibited by law or for which a permit is required. I understand that the permit is not a license and confers no property right upon me. I specifically agree to abide by all local, State, and Federal fish and wildlife laws and regulations including those that relate to this permit or the permitted activity, and by all other terms and conditions of this permit. I understand that the permit for which I am applying may be suspended, canceled, or revoked at any time by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and I agree to immediately surrender the permit upon such demand. I understand that my failure to fully and completely comply with the laws, regulations, terms, and conditions referred to herein could result in the immediate suspension, cancellation, or revocation of this and other permits issued to me by the Department and that I may be denied future permits as a consequence of my actions. I understand and agree that any permit issued to me by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is in the nature of a privilege that is being voluntarily extended to me by the Department and the failure on my part to cooperate fully and completely with the Department or its employees can result in the loss of the privilege conferred and the denial of future requests for permits. By accepting this permit, I evidence my agreement to be bound by all conditions and stipulations set forth herein.”

Signature

Date