

MICHIGAN LEGAL PET GUIDE



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ARACHNID, CENTIPEDE, MILLIPEDE

US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No	No	NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

BATS

Brown, Big	No		No		No	Bans live bats
Brown, Little	No		No		No	Bans live bats
Evening	No		No		No	Threatened species
Indiana	No		No		No	Endangered species
Hoary	No		No		No	Bans live bats
Long-eared, Northern	No		No		No	Native/US Threatened
Red	No		No		No	Bans live bats
Silver-haired	No		No		No	Bans live bats
Tri-colored	No		No		No	Bans live bats
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No		No	Banned
Unlisted	No		No		No	Bans live bats

BEARS

Black	No		No		NA	Native Large Carnivore - No pets
Unlisted	No		No		NA	Large Carnivore - No pets

BIRDS

Anhinga	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Ani, Groove-billed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Avocet, American	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Bittern, American	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Bittern, Least	No		No		No	Threatened species
Blackbird, Brewer's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Blackbird, Red-winged	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Blackbird, Rusty	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Blackbird, Yellow-headed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets

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Bluebird, Eastern	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Bluebird, Mountain	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Bobolink	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Brambling	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Brant	No		No		No	Game - bans possession
Bufflehead	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Bunting, Indigo	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Bunting, Lark	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Bunting, Lazuli	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Bunting, Painted	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Bunting, Snow	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Canvasback	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Caracara, Crested	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Cardinal, Northern	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Catbird, Gray	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Chat, Yellow-breasted	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Chickadee, Black-capped	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Chickadee, Boreal	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Chickadee, Carolina	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Chuck-will's-widow	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Coot, American	No		No		No	Game - bans possession
Cormorant, Double-crested	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Cormorant, Neotropic	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Cowbird, Brown-headed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Crane, Sandhill	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Creepers, Brown	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Crossbill, Red	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Crossbill, White-winged	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Crow, American	No		No		No	Game - bans possession
Crow, Fish	No		No		No	Game - bans possession
Cuckoo, Black-billed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets

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Cuckoo, Yellow-billed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Curlew, Eskimo	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Curlew, Long-billed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Dickcissel	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Dove, Common Ground-	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Dove, Eurasian Collared	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Dove, Inca	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Dove, Mourning	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Dove, White-winged	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Dovekie	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Dowitcher, Long-billed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Dowitcher, Short-billed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Duck, American Black	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Duck, Black-bellied Whistling-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Duck, Fulvous Whistling-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Duck, Harlequin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Duck, Long-tailed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Duck, Ring-necked	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Duck, Ruddy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Duck, Tufted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Duck, Wood	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Dunlin	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Eagle, Bald	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Eagle, Golden	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Egret, Cattle	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Egret, Great	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Egret, Reddish	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Egret, Snowy	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Eider, Common	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Eider, King	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Falcon, Peregrine	No		No		No	Endangered species

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Falcon, Prairie	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Finch, Gray-crowned Rosy-	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Finch, House	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Finch, Purple	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Flicker, Northern	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Acadian	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Alder	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Ash-throated	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Fork-tailed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Great Crested	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Hammond's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Least	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Olive-sided	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Vermilion	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Willow	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Frigatebird, Lesser	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Frigatebird, Magnificent	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gadwall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Gallinule, Common	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gallinule, Florida	No		No		No	Game - bans possession
Gallinule, Purple	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gannet, Northern	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Garganey	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Godwit, Hudsonian	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Godwit, Marbled	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Goldeneye, Barrow's	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Goldeneye, Common	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Goldfinch, American	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets

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Goose, Cackling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Goose, Canada	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Goose, Greater White-fronted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Goose, Ross's	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Goose, Snow	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Goshawk, Northern	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Grackle, Boat-tailed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Grackle, Common	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Grebe, Horned	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Grebe, Pied-billed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Grebe, Red-necked	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Grebe, Western	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Grosbeak, Black-headed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Grosbeak, Blue	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Grosbeak, Evening	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Grosbeak, Pine	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Grosbeak, Rose-breasted	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Grouse, Ruffed	No		No		No	Game - bans possession
Grouse, Spruce	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Grouse, Sharp-tailed	No		No		No	Game - bans possession
Gull, Black-headed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gull, Bonaparte's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gull, California	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gull, Franklin's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gull, Glaucous	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gull, Glaucous-winged	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gull, Great Black-backed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gull, Heermann's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gull, Herring	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gull, Iceland	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gull, Ivory	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets

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Gull, Laughing	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gull, Lesser Black-backed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gull, Little	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gull, Mew	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gull, Ring-billed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gull, Ross's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gull, Sabine's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gull, Slaty-backed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Gyrfalcon	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Harrier, Northern	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Hawk, Broad-tailed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Hawk, Cooper's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Hawk, Ferruginous	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Hawk, Red-shouldered	No		No		No	Threatened species
Hawk, Red-tailed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Hawk, Rough-legged	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Hawk, Sharp-shinned	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Hawk, Short-tailed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Hawk, Swainson's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Heron, Black-crowned Night-	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Heron, Great Blue	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Heron, Green	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Heron, Little Blue	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Heron, Tricolored	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Heron, Yellow-crowned Night-	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Hummingbird, Anna's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Hummingbird, Berylline	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Hummingbird, Broad-billed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Hummingbird, Costa's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Hummingbird, Ruby-throated	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Hummingbird, Rufous	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets

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Hummingbird, White-eared	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Ibis, Glossy	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Ibis, White	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Ibis, White-faced	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Jaeger, Long-tailed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Jaeger, Parasitic	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Jaeger, Pomarine	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Jay, Blue	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Jay, Gray	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Junco, Dark-eyed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Kestrel, American	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Killdeer	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Kingbird, Couch's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Kingbird, Eastern	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Kingbird, Gray	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Kingbird, Tropical	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Kingbird, Western	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Kingfisher, Belted	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Kinglet, Golden-crowned	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Kinglet, Ruby-crowned	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Kite, Mississippi	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Kite, Swallow-tailed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Kittiwake, Black-legged	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Knot, Red	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Lark, Horned	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Longspur, Chesnut-collared	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Longspur, Lapland	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Longspur, McCown's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Longspur, Smith's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Loon, Common	No		No		No	Threatened species
Loon, Pacific	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets

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Loon, Red-throated	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Loon, Yellow-billed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Magpie, Black-billed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Mallard	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Must be marked
Martin, Purple	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Meadowlark, Eastern	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Meadowlark, Western	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Merganser, Common	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Merganser, Hooded	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Merganser, Red-breasted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Merlin	No		No		No	Threatened species
Mockingbird, Northern	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Moorhen, Common	No		No		No	Threatened species
Murre, Thick-billed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Murrelet, Ancient	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Nighthawk, Common	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Nutcracker, Clark's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Nuthatch, Red-breasted	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Nuthatch, White-breasted	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Oriole, Baltimore	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Oriole, Bullock's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Oriole, Hooded	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Oriole, Orchard	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Osprey	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Ovenbird	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Owl, Barn	No		No		No	Endangered species
Owl, Barred	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Owl, Boreal	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Owl, Burrowing	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Owl, Eastern Screech-	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Owl, Great Gray	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets

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Owl, Great Horned	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Owl, Long-eared	No		No		No	Threatened species
Owl, Northern Hawk	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Owl, Northern Saw-whet	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Owl, Short-eared	No		No		No	Endangered species
Owl, Snowy	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Partridge, Hungarian	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	13+ need Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Parula, Northern	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Pelican, American White	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Pelican, Brown	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Phalarope, Red	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Phalarope, Red-necked	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Phalarope, Wilson's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Pheasant, Afghan White-winged	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	Exempt from game law
Pheasant, Alaskan Snow	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	Exempt from game law
Pheasant, Black-winged	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	13+ need Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Pheasant, Buff	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	Exempt from game law
Pheasant, Buff Isabel	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	Exempt from game law
Pheasant, Chinese	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	13+ need Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Pheasant, Golden	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	Exempt from game law
Pheasant, Green	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	13+ need Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Pheasant, Impeyan	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	Exempt from game law
Pheasant, Jumbo White	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	Exempt from game law
Pheasant, Korean	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	13+ need Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Pheasant, Lady Amhearst	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	Exempt from game law
Pheasant, Manchurian (and crosses)	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	13+ need Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Pheasant, Mutant (Black, blue, green, melanistic)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	Exempt from game law
Pheasant, Red Golden	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	Exempt from game law
Pheasant, Reeves	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	Exempt from game law
Pheasant, Ring-necked (and extra large and jumbo)	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	13+ need Permit to Hold Game in Captivity

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Pheasant, Sichuan	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	13+ need Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Pheasant, Silver	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	Exempt from game law
Pheasant, White	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	Exempt from game law
Pheasant, White-winged	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	13+ need Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Phoebe, Eastern	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Phoebe, Say's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Pigeon, Band-tailed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Pigeon, Rock	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Pintail, Northern	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Pipet, American	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Pipet, Sprague's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Plover, American Golden-	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Plover, Black-bellied	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Ploving, Piping	No		No		No	Endangered species
Plover, Semipalmated	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Plover, Snowy	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Plover, Wilson's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Quail, Northern Bobwhite	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	13+ need Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Rail, Black	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Rail, King	No		No		No	Endangered species
Rail, Virginia	No		No		No	Game - bans possession
Rail, Yellow	No		No		No	Threatened species
Raven, Common	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Redhead	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Redpoll, Common	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Redpoll, Hoary	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Redshank, Spotted	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Redstart, American	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Redstart, Painted	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Robin, American	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Ruff	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets

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Sanderling	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sandpiper, Baird's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sandpiper, Buff-breasted	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sandpiper, Curlew	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sandpiper, Least	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sandpiper, Pectoral	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sandpiper, Purple	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sandpiper, Semipalmated	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sandpiper, Sharp-tailed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sandpiper, Solitary	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sandpiper, Spotted	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sandpiper, Stilt	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sandpiper, Upland	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sandpiper, Western	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sandpiper, White-rumped	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Scaup, Greater	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Scaup, Lesser	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Scoter, Black	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Scoter, Surf	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Scoter, White-winged	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Shearwater, Great	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Shearwater, Manx	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Shoveler, Northern	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Shrike, Loggerhead - Migrant	No		No		No	Endangered species
Shrike, Loggerhead (rest)	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Shrike, Northern	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Siskin, Pine	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Snipe, Wilson's	No		No		No	Game - bans possession
Solitaire, Townsend's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sora	No		No		No	Game - bans possession
Sparrow, American Tree	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets

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Sparrow, Bachman's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, Black-throated	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, Brewer's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, Cassin's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, Chipping	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, Clay-colored	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, Eurasian Tree	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, Field	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, Fox	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, Golden-crowned	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, Grasshopper	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, Harris's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, Henslow's	No		No		No	Endangered species
Sparrow, House	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, Lark	No		No		No	Extirpated species
Sparrow, Le Conte's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, Lincoln's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, Nelson's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, Sagebrush	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, Savannah	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, Song	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, Swamp	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, Vesper	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, White-crowned	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Sparrow, White-throated	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Starling, European	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Stilt, Black-necked	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Stork, Wood	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Swallow, Bank	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Swallow, Barn	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Swallow, Cave	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets

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Swallow, Cliff	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Swallow, Northern Rough-winged	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Swallow, Tree	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Swallow, Violet-Green	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Swan, Mute	Yes*	No	No		NA	Bans import - only allowed from in-state legal captive-bred source
Swan, Trumpeter	No		No		No	Threatened species
Swan, Tundra	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Swift, Chimney	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Swift, White-collared	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Swift, White-throated	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Tanager, Hepatic	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Tanager, Scarlet	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Tanager, Summer	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Tanager, Western	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Tattler, Wandering	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Teal, Blue-winged	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Teal, Cinnamon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Teal, Green-winged	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Tern, Arctic	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Tern, Black	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Tern, Caspian	No		No		No	Threatened species
Tern, Common	No		No		No	Threatened species
Tern, Forster's	No		No		No	Threatened species
Tern, Gull-billed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Tern, Roseate	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Tern, Royal	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Tern, Sandwich	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Thrasher, Brown	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Thrasher, Sage	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Thrush, Gray-cheeked	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets

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Thrush, Hermit	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Thrush, Swainson's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Thrush, Varied	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Thrush, Wood	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Titmouse, Tufted	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Towhee, Eastern	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Towhee, Green-tailed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Towhee, Spotted	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Turkey, Wild	Yes	Yes	No		No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity; Bans import - only allowed from legal in-state captive-bred source; must be pinioned
Turnstone, Ruddy	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Veery	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Violetear, Mexican	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Vireo, Bell's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Vireo, Black-capped	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Vireo, Blue-headed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Vireo, Philadelphia	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Vireo, Plumbeous	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Vireo, Red-eyed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Vireo, Warbling	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Vireo, White-eyed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Vireo, Yellow-throated	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Vulture, Black	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Vulture, Turkey	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Wagtail, White	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Bay-breasted	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Black-and-white	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Black-throated Blue	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Black-throated Gray	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Black-throated Green	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets

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Warbler, Blackburnian	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Blackpoll	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Blue-winged	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Canada	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Cape May	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Cerulean	No		No		No	Threatened species
Warbler, Chestnut-sided	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Connecticut	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Golden-winged	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Hooded	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Kentucky	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Kirkland's	No		No		No	Endangered species
Warbler, Lucy's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Magnolia	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Mourning	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Nashville	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Orange-crowned	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Palm	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Pine	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Prairie	No		No		No	Endangered species
Warbler, Prothonotary	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Swainson's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Tennessee	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Townsend's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Virginia's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Wilson's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Worm-eating	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Yellow	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Yellow-rumped	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Warbler, Yellow-throated	No		No		No	Threatened species
Waterthrush, Louisiana	No		No		No	Threatened species

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Waterthrush, Northern	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Waxwing, Bohemian	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Waxwing, Cedar	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Wheatear, Northern	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Whimbrel	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Whip-poor-will, Eastern	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Wigeon, American	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Wigeon, Eurasian	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Willet	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Wood-Pewee, Eastern	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Woodcock, American	No		No		No	Game - bans possession
Woodpecker, American Three-toed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Woodpecker, Black-backed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Woodpecker, Downy	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Woodpecker, Golden-fronted	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Woodpecker, Hairy	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Woodpecker, Lewis's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Woodpecker, Pileated	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Woodpecker, Red-bellied	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Woodpecker, Red-headed	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Wren, Bewick's	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Wren, Carolina	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Wren, House	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Wren, Marsh	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Wren, Rock	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Wren, Sedge	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Wren, Winter	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Yellowlegs, Greater	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Yellowlegs, Lesser	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
Yellowthroat, Common	No		No		No	Native Protected - No pets
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws

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Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
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CANINES

Coyote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Fox, Gray	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Fox, Red	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Fox, Silver	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Wolf-Dog	No		No		NA	Bans as pets
Wolf, Gray	No		No		No	Game - bans possession
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

ELEPHANTS

All	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
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FELINES

Bobcat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Cougar	No		No		No	Native - Large Carnivore/Endangered - No pets
Cheetah	No		No		NA	Large Carnivore - No pets
Clouded Leopard	No		No		NA	Large Carnivore - No pets
Leopard	No		No		NA	Large Carnivore - No pets
Lion	No		No		NA	Large Carnivore - No pets
Lynx, Canada	No		No		NA	Endangered species
Jaguar	No		No		NA	Large Carnivore - No pets
Panther	No		No		NA	Large Carnivore - No pets
Snow Leopard	No		No		NA	Large Carnivore - No pets
Sundra Clouded Leopard	No		No		NA	Large Carnivore - No pets
Tiger	No		No		NA	Large Carnivore - No pets
Large Carnivore Hybrid	No		No		NA	Large Carnivore - No pets
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FISH						
Bass, Largemouth	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Bass, Rock	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Bass, Smallmouth	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Bass, White	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Bitterling	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Bluegill	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Bullhead, Black	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Bullhead, Brown	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Bullhead, Yellow	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Carp, Bighead	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Carp, Black	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Carp, Common	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Carp, Grass	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Carp, Silver	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Catfish, Channel	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Catfish, Flathead	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Catfish, Wels	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Chub, Bigeye	No		No		No	Extirpated species

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Chub, Creek	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Chubsucker, Western Creek	No		No		No	Endangered species
Cisco	No		No		No	Threatened species
Cisco, Blackfin	No		No		No	Extirpated species
Cisco, Deepwater	No		No		No	Extinct species
Cisco, Ives Lake	No		No		No	Threatened species
Cisco, Shortjaw	No		No		No	Threatened species
Cisco, Shortnose	No		No		No	Extirpated species
Cisco, Siskiwit	No		No		No	Threatened species
Crappie, Black	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Crappie, White	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Dace, Northern Redbelly	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Dace, Redside	No		No		No	Endangered species
Dace, Southern Redbelly	No		No		No	Endangered species
Darter, Channel	No		No		No	Endangered species
Darter, Eastern Sand	No		No		No	Threatened species
Darter, River	No		No		No	Endangered species
Goby, Round	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Goby, Tubenose	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Grayling, Arctic	No		No		No	Extirpated species
Herring, Pacific	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Ide	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Madtom, Northern	No		No		No	Endangered species
Menominee	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase

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Minnow, Bluntnose	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Minnow, Fathead	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Minnow, Pugnose	No		No		No	Endangered species
Mooneye	No		No		No	Threatened species
Muskellunge	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Paddlefish	No		No		No	Extirpated species
Perch, Yellow	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Pike, Blue	No		No		No	Extinct species
Pike, Northern	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Pumpinseed	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Redhorse, River	No		No		No	Threatened species
Rudd	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Ruffe, Eurasian	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Salmon, Atlantic	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Salmon, Chinook	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Salmon, Coho	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Salmon, Pink	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Sauger	No		No		No	Threatened species
Shiner, Common	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase

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Shiner, Emerald	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Shiner, Golden	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Shiner, Ironcolor	No		No		No	Extirpated species
Shiner, Pugnose	No		No		No	Endangered species
Shiner, Sand	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Shiner, Silver	No		No		No	Endangered species
Shiner, Spotfin	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Shiner, Spottail	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Shiner, Weed	No		No		No	Extirpated species
Smelt, Rainbow	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Snakehead, Northern	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Stone Moroko	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Sturgeon, Lake	No		No		No	Threatened species
Sucker, Longnose	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Sucker, White	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Sunfish, Green	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Sunfish, Hybrid	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Sunfish, Redear	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase
Tench	No		No		NA	Prohibited species

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Trout, Brook	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	This is only a guide of animals that <u>MAY</u> be legal in a state. Due to the extensive amount of laws involved that are constantly changing, UAPPEAL cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information. Users are responsible for checking all laws BEFORE getting an animal. VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase Restricted species VHS Native - Only with scientific permit & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase Prohibited species Only if scientific permit is granted & no closed season; Captive - import requires testing - may purchase Possess - If allowed by federal laws Possess - No known DNR laws; Import - VHS testing - see Ag
Trout, Brown	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	
Trout, Lake	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	
Trout, Rainbow	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	
Trout, Steelhead	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	
Walleye	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	
Warmouth	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	
Weatherfish, Japanese	No		No		NA	
Whitefish, Lake	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	
Zander	No		No		NA	
Native (rest)	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	

***NOTE: Wild-caught** - Only those species with no closed season may be taken and possessed for aquariums. Rest must be released at the end of their season. Also, VHS laws generally ban transporting fish in water without a scientific collection permit, so they are legal only if such permit is granted. **Captive-born** - Facilities are required to be certified VHS free, so fish may be purchased without a permit. Imported ones require VHS testing.

HERPTILES

***NOTE:** Captive breeding of native reptiles and amphibians is prohibited. All native herp must be either legally collected from the wild or imported with a bill of sale.

Caecilians

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Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

Crocodylians

US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No	No	NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

Crocodylians

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Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

Frogs

Bullfrog	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 10/day & possess 10 frogs/toads/salamanders; Import - see Ag
Chorus, Boreal	No		No		No	Native - Bans take & possess
Cricket, Blanchard's	No		No		No	Native Threatened
Gray, Cope's	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 10/day & possess 10 frogs/toads/salamanders; Import - see Ag
Gray, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 10/day & possess 10 frogs/toads/salamanders; Import - see Ag
Green	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 10/day & possess 10 frogs/toads/salamanders; Import - see Ag
Leopard, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 10/day & possess 10 frogs/toads/salamanders; Import - see Ag
Mink	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 10/day & possess 10 frogs/toads/salamanders; Import - see Ag
Pickereel	No		No		No	Native Special Concern
Spring Peeper, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 10/day & possess 10 frogs/toads/salamanders; Import - see Ag
Wood	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 10/day & possess 10 frogs/toads/salamanders; Import - see Ag

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Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

Lizards

Racerunner, Six-lined	No		No		No	Native Threatened
~Skink, Five-lined	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 1/day & 3 total ~; Possess 2 & 6 total ~ reptiles; Import - see Ag
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

Salamanders

Blue-spotted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 10/day & possess 10 frogs/toads/salamanders; Import - see Ag
Four-toed	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 10/day & possess 10 frogs/toads/salamanders; Import - see Ag
Marbled	No		No		No	Native Endangered
Mudpuppy	No		No		No	Native - Bans take & possess
Newt, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 10/day & possess 10 frogs/toads/salamanders; Import - see Ag
Red-backed	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 10/day & possess 10 frogs/toads/salamanders; Import - see Ag
Siren, Western Lesser	No		No		No	Native Special Concern
Small-mouthed	No		No		No	Native Endangered
Spotted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 10/day & possess 10 frogs/toads/salamanders; Import - see Ag
Tiger, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 10/day & possess 10 frogs/toads/salamanders; Import - see Ag
US Endangered/ Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

Snakes

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~Brown, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 1/day & 3 total ~; Possess 2 & 6 total ~ reptiles; Import - see Ag
Fox, Eastern	No		No		No	Native Threatened
~Fox, Western	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 1/day & 3 total ~; Possess 2 & 6 total ~ reptiles; Import - see Ag
Garter, Butler's	No		No		No	Native - bans take & possess
~Garter, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 1/day & 3 total ~; Possess 2 & 6 total ~ reptiles; Import - see Ag
Green, Smooth	No		No		No	Native - bans take & possess
~Hog-nosed, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 1/day & 3 total ~; Possess 2 & 6 total ~ reptiles; Import - see Ag
Kirkland's	No		No		No	Native Endangered
Queen	No		No		No	Native - bans take & possess
~Milk, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 1/day & 3 total ~; Possess 2 & 6 total ~ reptiles; Import - see Ag
~Racer, Blue	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 1/day & 3 total ~; Possess 2 & 6 total ~ reptiles; Import - see Ag
Rat, Black	No		No		No	Native Special Concern
~Red-bellied, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 1/day & 3 total ~; Possess 2 & 6 total ~ reptiles; Import - see Ag
Rattlesnake, Eastern Massasauga	No		No		No	Native Threatened
~Ribbon, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 1/day & 3 total ~; Possess 2 & 6 total ~ reptiles; Import - see Ag
~Ring-necked, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 1/day & 3 total ~; Possess 2 & 6 total ~ reptiles; Import - see Ag
Water, Copper-bellied	No		No		No	Native Endangered
~Water, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 1/day & 3 total ~; Possess 2 & 6 total ~ reptiles; Import - see Ag
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

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Toads

American, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 10/day & possess 10 frogs/toads/salamanders; Import - see Ag
Fowler's	No		No		No	Native Special Concern
US Endangered/ Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

Tortoises

US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

Tuatara

US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

Turtles

Blanding's	No		No		No	Native Special Concern
Box, Eastern	No		No		No	Native Special Concern
*~Map, Common	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 1/day & 2 total * turtles & 3 total ~ reptiles; Possess 2 & 4 total * turtles & 6 total ~; Import - see Ag
*~Musk, Common	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 1/day & 2 total * turtles & 3 total ~ reptiles; Possess 2 & 4 total * turtles & 6 total ~; Import - see Ag
*~Painted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 1/day & 2 total * turtles & 3 total ~ reptiles; Possess 2 & 4 total * turtles & 6 total ~; Import - see Ag
*~Slider, Red-eared	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 1/day & 2 total * turtles & 3 total ~ reptiles; Possess 2 & 4 total * turtles & 6 total ~; Import - see Ag
Snapping, Common	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 1/day & possess 2; Import - see Ag
Softshell, Spiny	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 1/day & possess 2; Import - see Ag
Spotted	No		No		No	Native Threatened
Wood	No		No		No	Native Special Concern
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws

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INSECTS

Beetle, American Burying	No		No		No	Native Extirpated Species
Beetle, Asian Longhorned	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Beetle, Hungerford's crawling water	No		No		No	Endangered species
Beetle, Six-banded Longhorn	No		No		No	Threatened species
Blue, Karner	No		No		No	Threatened species
Blue, Northern	No		No		No	Threatened species
Borer, Emerald Ash	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Dragonfly, Hine's Emerald	No		No		No	Endangered species
Elfin, Frosted	No		No		No	Threatened species
Elfin, Henry's	No		No		No	Threatened species
Fritillery, Regal	No		No		No	Endangered species
Leafhopper, Huron River	No		No		No	Threatened species
Locust, Lake Huron	No		No		No	Threatened species
Moth, Leadplant	No		No		No	Endangered species
Moth, Phlox	No		No		No	Endangered species
Moth, Silphium Borer	No		No		No	Threatened species
Petaltail, Grey	No		No		No	Threatened species
Satyr, Mitchell's	No		No		No	Endangered species
Skipper, Dukes'	No		No		No	Threatened species
Skipper, Ottoe	No		No		No	Threatened species
Skipperling, Powesheik	No		No		No	Threatened species
Snaketail, Pygmy	No		No		No	Threatened species
Underwing, Three-staff	No		No		No	Endangered species
Wing, Persius Dusky	No		No		No	Threatened species
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
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INSECTIVORA/EULIPOTYPHLA (Gymnore, Hedgehog, Mole, Moonrat, Shrew)

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Mole, Eastern	No		No		No	Nongame - Bans possession
Mole, Star-nosed	No		No		No	Nongame - Bans possession
Shrew, American Water	No		No		No	Nongame - Bans possession
Shrew, Cinereus	No		No		No	Nongame - Bans possession
Shrew, Least	No		No		No	Threatened species
Shrew, Northern Short-tailed	No		No		No	Nongame - Bans possession
Shrew, Smoky	No		No		No	Threatened species
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

INVERTEBRATES (Rest)

Clam

US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

Crabs

US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

Crayfish

Calico	Yes	No	No		Yes	Native - Take - see fishing
Chimney	Yes	No	No		Yes	Native - Take - see fishing
Clearwater, Northern	Yes	No	No		Yes	Native - Take - see fishing
Digger	Yes	No	No		Yes	Native - Take - see fishing
River, Big	Yes	No	No		Yes	Native - Take - see fishing
River, White	Yes	No	No		Yes	Native - Take - see fishing
Rusty	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Swamp, Red	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Virile	Yes	No	No		Yes	Native - Take - see fishing
Yabby	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws

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Unlisted	No		No		NA	Bans live nonnative crayfish
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Mussels

Bean, Rayed	No		No		No	Endangered species
Catspaw, White	No		No		No	Endangered species
Clubshell	No		No		No	Endangered species
Fawnsfoot	No		No		No	Threatened species
Floater, Lake	No		No		No	Threatened species
Golden	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Hickorynut	No		No		No	Endangered species
Hickorynut, Round	No		No		No	Endangered species
Lampmussel, Wavyrayed	No		No		No	Threatened species
Lilliput	No		No		No	Endangered species
Lilliput, Purple	No		No		No	Endangered species
Papershell, Pink	No		No		No	Threatened species
Pondmussel, Eastern	No		No		No	Endangered species
Quagga	No		No		NA	Restricted species
Riffleshell, Northern	No		No		No	Endangered species
Salamander	No		No		No	Endangered species
Sandshell, Black	No		No		No	Endangered species
Slippershell	No		No		No	Threatened species
Snuffbox	No		No		No	Endangered species
Wartyback, Purple	No		No		No	Threatened species
Wartyback, Threehorn	No		No		No	Endangered species
Zebra	No		No		NA	Restricted species
Native (rest)	No		No		No	Bans take
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

Shrimp

Killer	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
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Snails						
Aquatic (<i>Planorbella smithi</i>)	No		No		No	Endangered species
Carthusian	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Catinella (<i>gelida</i>)	No		No		No	Threatened species
Catinella, Pleistocene	No		No		No	Threatened species
Drop, Cherrystone	No		No		No	Threatened species
Dune, Wrinkled	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Fossaria, Bugle	No		No		No	Threatened species
Garden, Brown	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Giant African	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Girdled	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Globe, Proud	No		No		No	Threatened species
Granule, Sterki's	No		No		No	Endangered species
Heath	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Land (<i>Catinella protracta</i>)	No		No		No	Endangered species
Land (<i>Euconulus alderi</i>)	No		No		No	Threatened species
Land (<i>Vallonia gracilicosta albula</i>)	No		No		No	Endangered species
Mud, New Zealand	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
Mantleslug, Foster	No		No		No	Threatened species
Physa, Broadshoulder	No		No		No	Threatened species
Pillsnail, Carinate	No		No		No	Threatened species
Pondsnail, Deepwater	No		No		No	Endangered species
Pondsnail, Petoskey	No		No		No	Endangered species
Ramshorn, Acorn	No		No		No	Endangered species
Snaggletooth, Lamda	No		No		No	Endangered species
Vertigo, Deep-throat	No		No		No	Endangered species
Vertigo, Delicate	No		No		No	Threatened species
Vertigo, Hubricht's	No		No		No	Endangered species

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<i>Vertigo (modesta modesta)</i>	No		No		No	Endangered species
<i>Vertigo (modesta parietalis)</i>	No		No		No	Endangered species
<i>Vertigo (morsei)</i>	No		No		No	Endangered species
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Other						
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
MARINE MAMMALS (Dolphin, Dugong, Manatee, Porpoise, Sea Lion, Seal, Walrus, Whale)						
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
MARSUPIALS						
Opossum, Virginia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
MUSTELIDS						
Badger, American	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Ferret	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Need rabies vaccine; import <6 wks requires mother
Ermine	No		No		No	Nongame - Bans possession
Fisher	No		No		No	Game - bans possession
Marten, American	No		No		No	Game - bans possession
Mink, American	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Otter, North American River	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Weasel	No		No		No	Game - bans possession
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

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PRIMATES

US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No	No	NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

PROCYONIDS

Raccoon	Yes	Yes	No		No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity; Bans import
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

RODENTS

Beaver	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Chipmunk, Eastern	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Chipmunk, Least	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Lemming, Southern Bog	No		No		No	Nongame - Bans possession
Mouse, Deer	No		No		No	Nongame - Bans possession
Mouse, House	No		No		No	Nongame - Bans possession
Mouse, Meadow Jumping	No		No		No	Nongame - Bans possession
Mouse, White-footed	No		No		No	Nongame - Bans possession
Mouse, Woodland Jumping	No		No		No	Nongame - Bans possession
Muskrat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Nutria	No		No			Prohibited species
Porcupine, North American	No		No		No	Nongame - Bans possession
Rat, Brown	No		No		No	Nongame - Bans possession
Squirrel, Eastern Fox	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Squirrel, Eastern Gray	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Squirrel, Northern Flying	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Squirrel, Eastern Red	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Squirrel, Red	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Squirrel, Southern Flying	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Squirrel, Thirteen-lined Ground	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Vole, Meadow	No		No		No	Nongame - Bans possession

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Vole, Prairie	No		No		No	Endangered species
Vole, Woodland	No		No		No	Nongame - Bans possession
Weasel, Least	No		No		No	Nongame - Bans possession
Weasel, Long-tailed	No		No		No	Nongame - Bans possession
Wolverine	No		No		No	Nongame - Bans possession
Woodchuck	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

UNGULATES

Artiodactyla

Bovidae (Wild cattle, goats, sheep)

US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

Cervid (Deer family)

Deer, Mule	No		No		No	Game - No more Hobby Permits - banned
Deer, White-tailed	No		No		No	Game - No more Hobby Permits - banned
Elk	No		No		No	Game - No more Hobby Permits - banned
Moose	No		No		No	Game - No more Hobby Permits - banned
Unlisted	No		No		No	No more Hobby Permits - banned

Suidae (Wild pigs)

Feral	No		No		NA	Prohibited species
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

Others

US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
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Perissodactyla

US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No	No	NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

VIVERRIDS

US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No	No	NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
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XENARTHRA/EDENTATA (Anteater, Armadillo, Sloth)

US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No	No	NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

OTHER MAMMALS

Hare, Snowshoe	No		No		No	Game - bans possession
Hare, Wild (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Bans import - only allowed from in-state legal captive-bred source
Rabbit, Cottontail	No		No		No	Game - bans possession
Rabbit, Wild (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Bans import - only allowed from in-state legal captive-bred source
Skunk, Striped	Yes*	Yes	No		No	Game - only allowed from in-state legal captive-bred source; Permit to Hold Game in Captivity
Skunk (rest)	Yes*	No	No		NA	Bans import - only allowed from in-state legal captive-bred source
US Endangered/Threatened	Yes*	No	No		NA	Possess - If allowed by federal laws
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

SUMMARY: Michigan allows various game species under a Permit to Hold Game in Captivity, which is also required for import. Native nongame birds are protected and are banned. Nongame mammals are also banned. Various native herp may be collected from the wild or imported. Native fish are legal but VHS laws prevent transporting them in water without a scientific license. Skunks, wild rabbits and hares, deer, and elk may not be imported. Large carnivores and wolves are banned. Most other exotics are legal.

Sources:

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1	Game				Captive Game Order; Captive Wild Animal Amendment No. 1 of 2016
2	Large Carnivores				Large Carnivore Act (Act 274 of 2000)
3	Wolf-Dogs				Wolf-Dog Cross Act (Act 246 of 2000)
4	Ferrets				Ferrets (Act 358 of 1994)
5	Invasive Species				Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (Act 451 of 1994)
6	Crayfish				Crayfish Regulations Fisheries Order 249
	* Native Species Lists				
	Birds				Bird Checklists of the World: Michigan (Avibase)

DISCLAIMERS:

* The laws listed above lists whether a species to legal to possess and import according to state laws and then any federally protected species with stricter regulations than the state. **Be sure to review all federal laws** as some ban certain species as pets or make it legal to possess a species but bans their interstate import in commerce or purchasing across state lines (you can still move with your animals across state lines).

*For states that do allow keeping wild-caught native species as pets, it is usually limited to game birds, game animals, furbearers, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates. Such taking usually requires some type of hunting or fishing license **in addition to any required captive wildlife permits**. All laws must be followed, including daily bag and possession limits, seasons, size limits and location specific regulations.

* These guides are usually based on state fish & game laws, state agriculture and health import laws, and marine resource laws except when otherwise noted. Check laws for all requirements. Additional state laws may apply, including general animal control and care, livestock, and other health laws.

* Species lists vary on each state page depending on each state's law. While we try to include as many native vertebrate species as possible, we cannot guarantee that all species are covered above.