

LOUISIANA LEGAL PET GUIDE



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ARACHNID, CENTIPEDE, MILLIPEDE

All	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag
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BATS

Native to North America	No			No			No	Banned as pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - Ag permit

BEARS

Black	No			No			No	Potentially dangerous wild quadruped/game quadruped - no pets - grandfathers ones before 2006
Grizzly	No			No			NA	Potentially dangerous wild quadruped - no pets - grandfathers ones before 2006
Polar	No			No			NA	Potentially dangerous wild quadruped - no pets - grandfathers ones before 2006
Native to North America	No			No			NA	Banned as pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag

BIRDS

<u>Native</u>	No			No			No	Banned as pets
Native to North America (rest)	No			No			NA	Banned as pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - Ag permit

CANINES

Coyote	No			No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Fox, Gray	No			No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Fox, Red	No			No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Wolf, Gray	No			No			NA	Potentially dangerous wild quadruped - no pets - grandfathers ones before 2006
Wolf, Red	No			No			NA	Potentially dangerous wild quadruped - no pets - grandfathers ones before 2006
Wolf Dog	Yes	No	Yes*	Yes	No	No	NA	Ban expired in 1997 - Might need dog tag; Import - see Ag

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Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag
ELEPHANTS								
All	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag
FELINES								
Bobcat	No			No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Cheetah	No			No			NA	Big Exotic Cat - no pets - grandfathers before 8/15/2006
Clouded Leopard	No			No			NA	Big Exotic Cat - no pets - grandfathers before 8/15/2006
Cougar	No			No			No	Big Exotic Cat/Protected Quadruped - no pets - grandfathers before 8/15/2006
Jaguar	No			No			NA	Big Exotic Cat - no pets - grandfathers before 8/15/2006
Leopard	No			No			NA	Big Exotic Cat - no pets - grandfathers before 8/15/2006
Lion	No			No			NA	Big Exotic Cat - no pets - grandfathers before 8/15/2006
Panther, Florida	No			No			No	Federal/State Endangered - Banned
Sundra Clouded Leopard	No			No			NA	Big Exotic Cat - no pets - grandfathers before 8/15/2006
Tiger	No			No			NA	Big Exotic Cat - no pets - grandfathers before 8/15/2006
Big Exotic Cat Hybrids	No			No			NA	Big Exotic Cat - no pets - grandfathers before 8/15/2006
Native to North America (rest)	No			No			No	Banned as pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - Ag permit
FISH								
Carp (nonnative)	No			No			NA	Prohibited exotic fish
Catfish, Pencil/Parasitic	No			No			NA	Prohibited exotic fish
Catfish, Walking	No			No			NA	Prohibited exotic fish
Cichlid, Rio Grande	No			No			NA	Prohibited exotic fish
Eel, Electric	No			No			NA	Prohibited exotic fish
Eel, Swamp (<i>Synbranchus</i>)	No			No			NA	Prohibited exotic fish
Goldfish	Yes	No					NA	Exempt exotic fish
Koi	Yes	No					NA	Exempt exotic fish

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Rudd	No			No			NA	Prohibited exotic fish
Piranha	No			No			NA	Prohibited exotic fish
Snakehead	No			No			NA	Prohibited exotic fish
Tilapia	No			No			NA	Prohibited exotic fish
<u>Native</u>	No			No			No	Banned as pets
Native to North America (rest)	No			No			No	Banned as pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - Ag permit
HERPTILES								
Caecilians								
Native to North America	No			No			NA	Banned as pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag
Crocodilians								
Alligator, American	No			No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Native to North America (rest)	No			No			NA	Banned as pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag
Frogs								
Bronze	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Bullfrog, American	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take must be 5"; Import - See Ag
Chorus, Ornate	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Chorus, Strecker's	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Chorus, Upland	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Crawfish, Southern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Cricket, Northern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Cricket, Southern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Gopher, Dusky	No		No	No			No	Native - Federal Endangered
Greenhouse	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Grunter/Pig Frog	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take must be 3"; Import - See Ag
Leopard, Southern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag

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Pickerel	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Spring Peeper, Northern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Treefrog, Barking	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Treefrog, Bird-voiced	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Treefrog, Cope's Gray	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Treefrog, Cuban	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Treefrog, Greater Gray	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Treefrog, Green	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Treefrog, Pine Woods	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Treefrog, Squirrel	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag

Lizards								
Anole, Brown	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Exotic introduced - No known LDWF laws; Import - see Ag
Anole, Green	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take must be 5" long; Import - see Ag
Fence, Northern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Fence, Southern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Gecko, Mediterranean	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Gecko, Sri Lankan Spotted House	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Exotic introduced - No known LDWF laws; Import - see Ag
Glass, Eastern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Glass, Eastern Slender	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Glass, Western Slender	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Racerunner, Six-lined	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Skink, Broad-headed	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Skink, Five-lined	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Skink, Ground	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Skink, Southern Prairie	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Skink, Southern Coal	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Skink, Southeastern Five-lined	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag

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Salamanders

Amphiuma, Two-toed	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Amphiuma, Three-toed	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Dusky, Southern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Dusky, Spotted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Dwarf, Western	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Four-toed	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Marbled	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Mole	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Mud, Gulf Coast	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Native Conservation Concern - Bans take; Import - see Ag
Mudpuppy, Red River	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Newt, Central	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Red, Southern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Native Conservation Concern - Bans take; Import - see Ag
Red-backed, Southern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Native Conservation Concern - Bans take; Import - see Ag
Siren, Western Lesser	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Slimy, Louisiana	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Slimy, Mississippi	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Small-mouthed	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Spotted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Three-lined	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Tiger, Eastern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Native Conservation Concern - Bans take; Import - see Ag
Two-lined, Southern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Waterdog, Gulf Coast	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Waterdog, Red River	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Webster's	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Native Conservation Concern - Bans take; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag

Snakes

Anaconda, Bolivian	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Import/Possess: Restricted Snake Permit & See Ag
Anaconda, Dark-spotted	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Import/Possess: Restricted Snake Permit & See Ag
Anaconda, Green	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Import/Possess: Restricted Snake Permit & See Ag

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Anaconda, Yellow	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	<p>This is only a guide of animals that MAY be legal in a state. Due to the extensive amount of laws involved that are constantly changing, UAPPEAL and contributors of these guides cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information. Users are responsible for checking all laws BEFORE getting an animal.</p>
<i>Atractaspididae</i>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	
Blindsnake, Brahminy	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	
Boa Constrictor	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	
Boomslang	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	
Brown, Marsh	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Brown, Midland	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Brown, Texas	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Coachwhip, Eastern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Copperhead, Southern	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Coral, Eastern	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Coral, Texas	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Corn	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Cottonmouth, Western	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Crayfish, Delta Glossy	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Crayfish, Graham's	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Crayfish, Western Glossy	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Crowned, Southeastern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Earth, Rough	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Earth, Western Smooth	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
<i>Elapidae</i>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	
Flat-headed	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Garter, Eastern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Green, Rough	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Hog-nosed, Eastern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
<i>Hydrophiidae</i>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	
Keelback (<i>Rhabdophis</i>)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	
King, Prairie	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
King, Mole	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
King, Scarlet	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
King, Speckled	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	

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Milk, Louisiana	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Mud, Western	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Pine, Black	No			No			No	Federal Threatened
Pine, Louisiana	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Native Conservation Concern - Bans take; Import - see Ag
Pine Woods	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Python, Amethystine	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Import/Possess: Restricted Snake Permit & See Ag
Python, Burmese	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Import/Possess: Restricted Snake Permit & See Ag
Python, Carpet	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Import/Possess: Restricted Snake Permit & See Ag
Python, Olive	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Import/Possess: Restricted Snake Permit & See Ag
Python, Papuan Olive	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Import/Possess: Restricted Snake Permit & See Ag
Python, Reticulated	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Import/Possess: Restricted Snake Permit & See Ag
Python, Scrub	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Import/Possess: Restricted Snake Permit & See Ag
Python, Northern African Rock	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Import/Possess: Restricted Snake Permit & See Ag
Python, Southern African Rock	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Import/Possess: Restricted Snake Permit & See Ag
Racer, Black-masked	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Racer, Buttermilk	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Racer, Eastern Yellow-bellied	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Racer, Southern Black	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Racer, Tan	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Rainbow	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Rat, Black	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Rat, Great Plains	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Rat, Texas	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Rattlesnake, Eastern Diamond-backed	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Native Conservation Concern - Import/Possess: Restricted Snake Permit
Rattlesnake, Canebrake	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Import/Possess: Restricted Snake Permit & See Ag
Rattlesnake, Western Pygmy	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Import/Possess: Restricted Snake Permit & See Ag
Red-bellied, Florida	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Ribbon, Eastern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Ribbon, Gulf Coast	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Ribbon, Western	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag

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Ringneck, Mississippi	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Salt Marsh, Gulf	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Scarlet, Northern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Twig (<i>Thelotornis</i>)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Import/Possess: Restricted Snake Permit & See Ag
<i>Viperidae</i>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Import/Possess: Restricted Snake Permit & See Ag
Water, Blotched	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Water, Broad-banded	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Water, Diamond-backed	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Water, Midland	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Water, Western Green	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Water, Yellow-bellied	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Worm, Midwest	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Worm, Western	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Constrictor (any over 8')	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Import/Possess: Restricted Snake Permit & See Ag
Venomous (Unlisted)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Import/Possess: Restricted Snake Permit & See Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag

Toads

American, Dwarf	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Fowler's	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Gulf Coast	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Narrowmouthed, Eastern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Oak	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Southern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Spadefoot, Eastern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Spadefoot, Hurter's	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag

Tortoises

Gopher	No			No			No	Native - Federal/State Threatened - Banned
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Turtles								
Box, Gulf Coast	Yes	Yes	No	No			Yes	Native - Bans buying - may take 2/day & possess 4
Box, Ornate	Yes	Yes	No	No			Yes	Native - Bans buying - may take 2/day & possess 4
Box, Three-toed	Yes	Yes	No	No			Yes	Native - Bans buying - may take 2/day & possess 4
Chicken, Eastern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Chicken, Western	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Cooter, Florida	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Cooter, River	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Map, Alabama	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Map, Mississippi	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Map, Ouachita	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Map, Ringed	No			No			No	Native - Federal/State Threatened
Map, Sabine	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Mud, Mississippi	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Musk, Common	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Musk, Razor-backed	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Musk, Stripe-necked	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Painted, Southern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Sawback, Ringed	No			No			No	State Endangered/Threatened - Banned
Sea, Green	No			No			No	Native - Federal/State Threatened - Banned
Sea, Hawksbill	No			No			No	Native - Federal/State Endangered - Banned
Sea, Kemp's Ridley	No			No			No	Native - Federal/State Endangered - Banned
Sea, Leatherback	No			No			No	Native - Federal/State Endangered - Banned
Sea, Loggerhead	No			No			No	Native - Federal/State Threatened - Banned
Slider, Red-eared	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Snapping, Alligator	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take 1/day; Import - See Ag
Snapping, Common	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Softshell, Florida								Exotic introduced
Softshell, Gulf Coast Smooth	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Softshell, Midland Smooth	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag

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Softshell, Gulf Coast Spiny	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Softshell, Pallid Spiny	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take - see fishing; Import - See Ag
Terrapin, Mississippi Diamondback	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - Take must be 6" plastron; Import - See Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag
INSECTS								
Beetle, American Burying	No			No			No	Federal/State Endangered
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag
INSECTIVORA/EULIPOTYPHLA (Gymnore, Hedgehog, Mole, Moonrat, Shrew)								
Mole, Eastern	No			No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Shrew, Elliot's Short-tailed	No			No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Shrew, Least	No			No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Shrew, Southeastern	No			No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Shrew, Southern Short-tailed	No			No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Native to North America (rest)	No			No			No	Banned as pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - Ag permit
INVERTEBRATES (Rest)								
Clam								
Nonnative	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag
Crabs								
Native								Take requires special license
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag
Crawfish								
Blackwater, Pearl	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - take see fishing; Import - see Ag
Brown, Plain	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - take see fishing; Import - see Ag
Chimney, Caddo	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - take see fishing; Import - see Ag
Creek, Calcasieu	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - take see fishing; Import - see Ag

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Creek, Elegant	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - take see fishing; Import - see Ag
Creek, Southwestern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - take see fishing; Import - see Ag
Fencing, Ouachita	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - take see fishing; Import - see Ag
Fencing, Sabine	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - take see fishing; Import - see Ag
Flatnose	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - take see fishing; Import - see Ag
Javelin	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - take see fishing; Import - see Ag
Old Prairie	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - take see fishing; Import - see Ag
Painted, Calcasieu	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - take see fishing; Import - see Ag
Painted, Kisatchie	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - take see fishing; Import - see Ag
Painted, Ponchartrain	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - take see fishing; Import - see Ag
Painted, Teche	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - take see fishing; Import - see Ag
Pine Hills	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - take see fishing; Import - see Ag
Ribbon	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - take see fishing; Import - see Ag
Twin	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - take see fishing; Import - see Ag
Vernal	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Native - take see fishing; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag
Lobster								
Native	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Take - See fishing; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag
Mussels								
Heelsplitter, Inflated	No			No			No	Federal/State Threatened
Mucket, Pink	No			No			No	Federal Endangered
Pearlshell, Louisiana	No			No			No	State Endangered/Federal Threatened
Pocketbook, Fat	No			No			No	Federal Endangered
Rabbitsfoot	No			No			No	Federal Threatened
Native (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Take see fishing; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag
Shrimp								

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Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	
Snails								
Native	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Take - See fishing; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	
Other								
Native	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Take - See fishing; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	
MARINE MAMMALS (Dolphin, Dugong, Manatee, Porpoise, Sea Lion, Seal, Walrus, Whale)								
Native	No			No			No	Banned as pets
Native to North America (rest)	No			No			No	Banned as pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - Ag permit
MARSUPIALS								
Opossum, Virginia	No			No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Native to North America (rest)	No			No			No	Banned as pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - Ag permit
MUSTELIDS								
Mink	No			No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Otter, Northern River	No			No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Weasel, Long-tailed	No			No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Native to North America (rest)	No			No			No	Banned as pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - Ag permit
PRIMATES								
All	No			No			NA	Potentially dangerous wild quadruped - no pets - grandfathers ones before 2006

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PROCYONIDS

Raccoon, Common	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Ringtail	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Native to North America (rest)	No		No			No	Banned as pets	
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - Ag permit

RODENTS

Beaver, American	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Chipmunk, Eastern	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Gopher, Plains Pocket	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Mouse, Cotton	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Mouse, Eastern Harvest	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Mouse, Fulvous Harvest	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Mouse, Golden	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Mouse, Hispid Pocket	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Mouse, White-footed	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Muskrat, Common	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Nutria	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Rat, Hispid Cotton	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Rat, Marsh Rice	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Squirrel, Southern Flying	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Squirrel, Eastern Fox	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Squirrel, Eastern Gray	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Squirrel, Red	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Vole, Woodland	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Woodrat, Eastern	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets	
Native to North America (rest)	No		No			No	Banned as pets	
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - Ag permit

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Artiodactyla

Bovidae (Wild cattle, goats, sheep)

All	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag
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Cervid (Deer family)

Deer, Mule	No			No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Deer, White-tail	No			No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Elk/Red Deer	No			No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Native to North America (rest)	No			No			No	Banned as pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - Ag permit

Suidae (Wild pigs)

Feral	No			No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Native to North America (rest)	No			No			No	Banned as pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - Ag permit

Others

All	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag
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Perissodactyla

All	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag
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VIVERRIDS

Native to North America (rest)	No			No			No	Banned as pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - Ag permit

XENARTHRA/EDENTATA (Anteater, Armadillo, Sloth)

Armadillo, Nine-banded	No			No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Native to North America (rest)	No			No			No	Banned as pets
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OTHER MAMMALS

Hare, Wild	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Rabbit, Eastern Cottontail	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Rabbit, Swamp	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Skunk, Spotted	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Skunk, Striped	No		No			No	Native - Banned as pets
Native to North America (rest)	No		No			No	Banned as pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA No known LDWF laws; Import - Ag permit

SUMMARY: All vertebrates native to North America (except certain reptiles and amphibians), potentially dangerous wild quadrupeds, big exotic cats and nonhuman primates are banned. Rest are unregulated by LDWF.

Sources:

1 Potentially Dangerous Wild	Louisiana Admin. Code 76:115
2 Game Quadrupeds/Birds	Louisiana Admin. Code 76:107
3 Nongame Quadrupeds	Louisiana Rev. Statutes 56:262; Louisiana Rev. Statutes 56-8
4 Native Herp	Louisiana Rev. Statutes 56:261, 56:632-56:637
5 Import	
6 Fox/Coyote	Louisiana Admin. Code 76:113
7 Bobwhite	Louisiana Admin. Code 76:105
8 Deer/Elk Import	Louisiana Admin. Code 76:117
9 Jewfish/Nassau Grouper Ban	76 Louisiana Admin. Code Part VII, 1:337
10 Reptiles/Amphibians	76 Louisiana Admin. Code Part XV
* Native Species List Reptiles/Amphibians	76 Louisiana Admin. Code Part XV

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).

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*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.