



REPTILES OF YEMEN

Yemen has a special geographical position which has given it different climatic features and variant topographic areas thereby providing diverse ecological habitats for numerous species.

Around 115 species of reptiles and amphibians have been recorded in Yemen. The amphibians include around seven species belonging to three families: Bufonidae, Hylidae and Ranidae. The reptiles include species of lizards, snakes and amphisbaenia, all belonging to the order Squamata which comprises the largest reptilian group. Turtles (order Testudinata) are represented in Yemen by six species, one terrestrial species (*Geochelon sulcata*), one freshwater species (*Pelomadosa subrufa*) and four species of marine turtles.

1. SAURIA

Trogonophiidae - Amphisbaenia

1. *Agamodon arabicus* ANDERSON, 1901
2. *Pachycalamus brevis* GÜNTHER, 1881 (Soqatra)

Agamidae

1. *Acanthocercus adramitanus* (ANDERSON, 1896) (between Makalla and the Hadhramout Valley)
2. *Acanthocercus yemensis* (KLAUSEWITZ, 1954)
3. *Uromastyx aegyptia microlepis* ARNOLD 1980
4. *Uromastyx benti* (ANDERSON, 1894)
5. *Uromastyx ornata philbyi* PARKER 1938
6. *Uromastyx shobraki* WILMS & SCHMITZ, 2007
7. *Uromastyx yemenensis* WILMS & SCHMITZ, 2007

Gekkonidae

1. *Bunopus spatalurus spatalurus* ANDERSON, 1901 (Hadhramout)
2. *Hemidactylus dracaenaculus* RÖSLER & WRANIK, 1999 (Soqutra)
3. *Hemidactylus festivus* CARRANZA & ARNOLD, 2012
4. *Hemidactylus flaviviridis* RÜPPELL, 1835
5. *Hemidactylus granti* BOULENGER, 1899 (Soqutra)
6. *Hemidactylus homoeolepis* BLANFORD, 1881
7. *Hemidactylus inintellectus* Sindaco, Ziliani, Razzetti, Pupin, Grieco, 2009 (Soqutra)
8. *Hemidactylus jumailiae* BUSAIS & JOGER, 2011 (Sana'a, Ibb)
9. *Hemidactylus lemurius* ARNOLD 1980 (AL-Mahra)
10. *Hemidactylus oxyrhinus* BOULENGER, 1899 (Soqutra)



11. *Hemidactylus robustus* HEYDEN, 1827
12. *Hemidactylus saba* BUSAIS & JOGER, 2011
13. *Hemidactylus shihraensis* BUSAIS & JOGER, 2011
14. *Hemidactylus sinaitus* BOULENGER, 1885
15. *Hemidactylus turcicus* (LINNAEUS, 1758) (Soqutra)
16. *Hemidactylus ulii* ŠMÍD, MORAVEC, KRATOCHVÍL, GVOŽDÍK, NASHER, BUSAIS, WILMS, SHOBRAK, CARRANZA, 2013
17. *Hemidactylus yerburii yerburii* ANDERSON, 1895 (Aden)
18. *Hemidactylus yerburii montanus* BUSAIS & JOGER 2011 (Sana'a, Ibb)
19. *Stenodactylus leptocosymbotus* LEVITON & ANDERSON, 1967
20. *Stenodactylus pulcher* ANDERSON, 1896 (Hadhramout)
21. *Stenodactylus slevini* HAAS, 1957
22. *Stenodactylus yemenensis* ARNOLD, 1980
23. *Tropicolotes scortecchi* CHERCHI & SPANO, 1963

Phyllodactylidae

1. *Haemodracon riebeckii* (PETERS, 1882) (Soqutra)
2. *Haemodracon trachyrhinus* (BOULENGER, 1899) (Soqutra)
3. *Ptyodactylus hasselquistii hasselquistii* (DONNDORFF 1798)

Sphaerodactylidae

1. *Pristurus carteri* (GRAY, 1863)
2. *Pristurus collaris* (STEINDACHNER, 1867)
3. *Pristurus insignis* BLANFORD, 1881 (Soqutra)
4. *Pristurus insignoides* ARNOLD, 1986 (Soqutra)
5. *Pristurus longipes* PETERS, 1871 ("Kursi bei Aden" [Yemen])
6. *Pristurus mazbah* AL-SAFADI, 1989
7. *Pristurus minimus* ARNOLD, 1977
8. *Pristurus obsti* RÖSLER & WRANIK, 1999
9. *Pristurus ornithocephalus* ARNOLD, 1986
10. *Pristurus popovi* ARNOLD, 1982
11. *Pristurus saada* ARNOLD, 1986
12. *Pristurus samhaensis* RÖSLER & WRANIK, 1999
13. *Pristurus schneideri* RÖSLER, KÖHLER & BÖHME, 2008
14. *Pristurus sokotranus* PARKER, 1938

Lacertidae

1. *Acanthodactylus arabicus* BOULENGER, 1918
2. *Acanthodactylus felcis* ARNOLD, 1980 (Hadhramaut)



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3. *Acanthodactylus opheodurus* ARNOLD, 1980
4. *Acanthodactylus yemenicus* SALVADOR, 1982 (Ta'izz, Yemen)
5. *Latastia longicaudata andersonii* (REUSS, 1834)
6. *Mesalina adramitana* (BOULENGER, 1917) (Hadhramaut)
7. *Mesalina balfouri* (BLANFORD, 1881) (Socotra Island, Darsa Island, Samha, Abd al-Kuri)
8. *Mesalina kuri* JOGER & MAYER, 2002
9. *Mesalina martini* (BOULENGER, 1897)
10. *Ophisops elbaensis* SCHMIDT & MARX, 1957
11. *Philochortus neumanni* MATSCHIE, 1893 (Lahij?)

Chamaeleonidae

1. *Chamaeleo arabicus* MATSCHIE, 1893 (Oasis Lahej near Aden)
2. *Chamaeleo calyptratus calyptratus* DUMÉRIL & DUMÉRIL, 1851
3. *Chamaeleo chamaeleon* (LINNAEUS, 1758)

Varanidae

1. *Varanus griseus* (DAUDIN, 1803)
2. *Varanus yemenensis* BÖHME, JOGER & SCHÄTTI, 1989

Scincidae

1. *Chalcides ocellatus* (FORSKAL, 1775)
2. *Eurylepis taeniolatus arabicus* BLYTH, 1854
3. *Hakaria simonyi* (STEINDACHNER, 1899)
4. *Scincus hemprichii* WIEGMANN, 1837
5. *Scincus mitranus* ANDERSON, 1871
6. *Scincus scincus scincus* (LINNAEUS, 1758)
7. *Trachylepis brevicollis* (WIEGMANN, 1837)
8. *Trachylepis cristinae* SINDACO, METALLINO, PUPIN, FASOLA & CARRANZA, 2012
9. *Trachylepis socotrana* (PETERS, 1882)
10. *Trachylepis tessellata* (ANDERSON, 1895) (Aden)

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