

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Code Book

The regulations in this Code Book are hereby adopted by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission under authority of Amendment 35 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas. All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

R1.03 Prohibited Captive Wildlife Species List

A. The Commission will not issue permits for breeding, sale, or importation of the following species other than in accordance with the exceptions listed in Codes [09.07](#), [09.10](#), [09.11](#), and Addenda [F1.03](#), [F1.04](#) (possession of some species may be allowed in accordance with Codes [09.02](#), [09.05](#), [09.08](#), and [09.14](#)):

1. **Amphibians**

- Axolotl (*Ambystoma mexicanum*)***
- Newts, fire salamanders, etc. (Family *Salamandridae*) **

2. **Birds**

- Waterfowl (Family *Antidae*)

3. **Mammals**

- African Soft Fur Rats (Genus *Mastomys*)
- Apes
- Aoudad Sheep (*Ammotragus lervia*) **
- Baboons (Genus *Papio*)
- Bats (Order *Chiroptera*)
- Blackbuck Antelope (*Antilope cervicapra*) *
- Black-tailed Prairie Dogs (*Cynomys ludovicianus*) *
- Capybara (*Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*) **
- Cervids (Family *Cervidae*)
- Coyotes (*Canis latrans*) that originate from or have lived in Alaska, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin, Wyoming, or Canada
- Foxes (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*, *Vulpes vulpes*) that originate or have lived in Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Wisconsin, Wyoming, or Canada
- Hippopotamus (*Hippopotamus amphibious*) **
- Ibex (Genus *Capra*) **
- Jaguar (*Panthera onca*) **
- Kudu (Genus *Tragelaphus*) **
- Large carnivores
- Leopard (*Panthera pardus*) **
- Lechwe (*Kobus leche*) **
- Macaques (Genus *Macaca*)
- Mountain lion (*Puma concolor*)
- Nilgai (*Boselaphus tragocamelus*) **
- Ocelot (*Leopardus pardalis*)
- Oryx (Genus *Oryx*) **
- Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*)
- Rhinoceros (Family *Rhinocerotidae*) **
- Rodents (Order *Rodentia*) captured in the wild from Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, or Wyoming
- Skunks (Genera: *Mephitis*, *Spilogale*)
- Snow Leopard (*Panthera uncia*) **

- Warthog (Genus *Phacochoerus*) **

4. **Reptiles**

- Anacondas (Genus *Eunectes*)
- Box turtles (Genus *Terrapene*)
- Large Asian and African Pythons: Reticulated, Burmese, and Rock Pythons (*Malayopython reticulatus*, *Python bivittatus*, *P. molurus*, *P. natalensis*, *P. sebae*) **

B. Species not listed in Addenda [R1.01](#), [R1.02](#), or [R1.03](#) are prohibited until evaluated.

* Issuance of Wildlife Importation Permits and Wildlife Breeder/Dealer Permits for these species is restricted to only those permittees permitted for these species prior to February 20, 2019.

** Issuance of Wildlife Importation Permits and Wildlife Breeder/Dealer Permits for these species is restricted to only those permittees permitted for these species prior to May 21, 2020.

*** Legal possession of these species is restricted to only those owned prior to May 16, 2024, that register the animal with the Commission by June 30, 2025.