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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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

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**R1.01 Unrestricted Captive Wildlife Species
List**

- A. The following species are exempt from Codes [09.02](#) (Possession Of Non-Native Wildlife In Captivity Restricted), [09.07](#) (Wildlife Breeder/Dealer Permit Required), and [09.10](#) (Wildlife Importation Permit Required):
1. Buffalo (*Bos bison*)
 2. House mouse (*Mus musculus*) and Norway rat (*Rattus norvegicus*)
 3. Congo peacock (*Arfopavo congensis*)
 4. Coturnix quail (*Coturnix* spp.)
 5. Emu (*Dromaius novaehollandiae*)
 6. European domestic ferret (*Mustela putorius*)
 7. Gerbils (Subfamily Gerbillinae)
 8. Green peafowl (*Pavo muticus*)
 9. Guinea pig (*Cavia porcellus*)
 10. Hamster (*Mesocricetus auratus*, *Phodopus campbelli*, *Phodopus sungorus*, *Cricetulusgriseus*, *Phodopus roborovskii*)
 11. Indian Peafowl (*Pavo cristatus*)
 12. Llama (*Lama glama*)
 13. Muscovy duck (*Cairina moschata*)
 14. Ringneck dove (*Streptopelia risoria*)
 15. Wolf/dog hybrids
 16. Sugar glider (*Petaurus breviceps*)
 17. Long-tailed chinchilla (*Chinchilla lanigera*)
 18. Four-toed hedgehog, African pygmy hedgehog (*Atelerix albiventris*)
 19. Bactrian and Dromedary Camels (*Camelus bactrianus* and *Camelus dromedaries*)
 20. African Sideneck Turtle (*Pelomedusa subrufa*)
 21. Bearded Dragon (*Pogona* spp.)
 22. Water Dragon (*Physignathus* spp.)
 23. Ball Python (*Python regius*)
 24. Blood Python (*Python curtus*)
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26. Crested Gecko (*Correlophus ciliates*)
27. Fattail Gecko (*Hemixtheconyx caudicinctus*)
28. Gargoyle Gecko (*Rhacodactylus auriculatus*)
29. Leopard Gecko (*Eublepharis macularius*)
30. Tokay Gecko (*Gecko gecko*)
31. Veiled Chameleon (*Chamaeleo calypttratus*)
32. Redbelly Shortneck Turtle (*Emydura subglobosa*)
33. African Mud Turtles (Genera *Pelomedusa*, *Pelusios*)
34. Diamond Dove, Bar-shouldered Dove, Barred Dove, Peaceful Dove, Zebra Dove (*Geopelia cuneata*, *G. humeralis*, *G. maugaeus*, *G. placida*, *G. striata*)
35. Spotted Dove, Laughing Dove (*Spilopelia chinensis* and *S. senegalensi*)
36. King Quail (Button Quail, Chinese, Painted) and African Blue Quail (*Excalfactoria chinensis* and *E. andonsonii*)
37. Crested Partridge (*Rollulus rouloul*)
38. Zebra Finch and Double Barred Finch (Owl Finch) (*Taeniopygia guttata* and *T. bichenovii*)
39. Society Finch (*Lonchura striata domestica*)
40. Gouldian Finch and Parrotfinches (*Erythrura gouldiae*, *E. hyperythra*, *E. prasin*, *E. viridifacies*, *E. tricolor*, *E. trichroa*, *E. coloria*, *E. papuana*, *E. psittacea*, *E. cyaneovirens*, *E. pealii*, *E. regia*, *E. kleinschmidti*)
41. Domestic Canary (*Serinus canaria forma domestica*)
42. Cockatiel (*Nymphicus hollandicus*)
43. Cockatoos: Lesser Sulphur-crested (Yellow-crested) Cockatoo, Sulphur-crested, Umbrella (White), Salmon-crested (Moluccan), Goffin's (*Cacatua sulphurea*, *C. galerita*, *C. alba*, *C. moluccensis*, *C. goffiniana*)

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44. Australian Budgerigar
(Parakeet) (*Melopsittacus undulates*)
45. Crimson Rosella and Eastern Rosella (*Platycercus elegans*, *P. eximius*)
46. Lovebirds: Peach-faced, Masked, and Fisher's (*Agapornis roseicollis*, *A. personatus*, *A. fisheri*)
47. Green Cheek Conure (*Pyrrhura molinae*)
48. Pacific Parrotlet (*Forpus coelestis*)
49. Cherry-headed Conure and Mitred Conure (*Psittacara erythrogenys*, *P. mitratus*)
50. Blue-crowned Conure (*Thectocercus acuticaudatus*)
51. Brown-throated Conure (*Eupsittula pertinax*)
52. Jenday Conure, Dusky-headed Conure, Nanday Conure (Parakeets) (*Aratinga jandaya*, *A. weddellii*, *A. nenday*)
53. Sun Conure (Sun Parakeet) (*Aratinga solstitialis*)
54. Black-headed Parrot, Black-Legged Parrot (Yellow-thighed), Green-thighed Parrot (*Pionites melanocephalus*, *P. xanthomerius*, *P. leucogaster*)
55. Senegal Parrot, Meyer's Parrot, Red-bellied Parrot, Brown-headed Parrot (*Poicephalus senegalus*, *P. meyeri*, *P. rufiventris*, *P. cryptoxanthus*)
56. Blue-headed Parrot, Maximilian's Parrot (Scaly-headed parrot), White-capped Parrot (White-headed Parrot) (*Pionus menstruus*, *P. maximiliani*, *P. seniloides*)
57. Congo African Grey Parrot, Timneh African Grey Parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*, *P. timneh*)
58. Eclectus Parrot (*Eclectus roratus*)
59. Regent Parrot (*Polytelis anthopeplus*)
60. Amazon Parrot: Turquoise-fronted (Blue-fronted), Yellow-headed, Red-crowned (Mexican Red-headed), Lilac-crowned, Orange-winged, Red-lored, Yellow-crowned,

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- Yellow-naped (*Amazona aestiva*, *A. oratrix*, *A. viridigenalis*, *A. finschi*, *A. amazonica*, *A. autumnalis*, *A. ochrocephala*, *A. auropalliata*)
61. Red-shouldered (Hahn's) Macaw (*Diopsittaca nobilis*)
 62. Blue-winged (Illiger's) Macaw and Golden-collared Macaw (*Primolius maracana* and *Primolius auricollis*)
 63. Ara Macaws: Red and Green (Green-winged) Macaw, Scarlet, Military and Blue and Yellow Macaw (*Ara chloropterus*, *Ara macao*, *Ara militaris*, *Ara ararauna*)
 64. Hyacinth Macaw, Lear's (Indigo) Macaw, Glaucous Macaw (*Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*, *Anodorhynchus leari*, *Anodorhynchus glaucus*)
 65. Alligator Lizards (Genus *Abronia*, *Elgaria*, and *Gerrhonotus*)
 66. Austral-Asian Agamid Lizards (Genus *Chlamydosaurus*, *Hydrosaurus*, *Intelligama*, *Pogona*)
 67. Caiman Lizards (Genus *Dracaena*)
 68. File snakes (Genus *Acrochordus*)
 69. Tentacle snake (*Erpeton tentaculatum*)
 70. Mata mata (*Chelus fimbriata*)
 71. Blue-tongue skinks (Genus *Tiliqua*)
 72. Housesnakes (Genus *Lamprophis*)
 73. Madagascar hognose snakes (Genus *Leioheterodon*)
 74. Iguanine Lizards (in part) (Genera *Basiliscus*, *Ctenosaura*, *Cyclura*, *Iguana*)
 75. Lacertid Lizards (in part) (Genera *Gastropholis*, *Latastia*, *Timon*)
 76. Night Lizards (Genera *Lepidophyma*, *Xantusia*)
 77. Asian Vinesnakes (Genus *Ahaetulla*)
 78. New World Colubrid Snakes (in part) (Genera *Bogertophis*, *Drymarchon*, *Drymobius*, *Lampropeltis*, *Pantherophis*, *Phrynonax*, *Pituophis*,

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Pseudelaphe, *Senticolis*,
Spilotes) except species native
to Arkansas
79. Asian Cat-eyed Snakes (Genus *Boiga*)
 80. Egg-eating Snakes (Genus *Dasyeltis*)
 81. Eurasian Ratsnakes (Genera *Archelaphe*, *Elaphe*, *Euprepiophis*, *Gonyosoma*, *Oreocryptophis*, *Zamenis*) except species native to Arkansas
 82. Hognose & South American Watersnakes (Genera *Heterodon*, *Hydrodynastes*) except species native to Arkansas
 83. North American Watersnakes (Genus *Nerodia*) except species native to Arkansas
 84. Boa Constrictors (Genus *Boa*)
 85. Tortoises (Genera *Aldabrachelys*, *Chelonoidis*, *Centrochelys*, *Geochelone*, *Gopherus*, *Indotestudo*, *Manouria*, *Psuedotestudo*, *Stigmochelys*, *Testudo*)
 86. Eublepharine Geckos (in part) (Genera *Coleonyx*, *Eublepharis*, *Goniurosaurus*, *Hemitheconyx*)
 87. Tegus (Genus *Salvator*)
 88. Angolan Python (*Python anchietae*)
 89. Australo-Asian Pythons (Genera: *Antaresia*, *Aspidites*, *Bothrochilus*, *Liasis*, *Morelia*, *Simalia*)
 90. Bornean Shorttail & Red Blood Pythons (*Python breitensteini*, *P. brongersmai*)
 91. *Carphodactylid* Geckos (Genera: *Nephrurus*, *Underwoodisaurus*)
 92. Casque-head Iguanian Lizards (Genera: *Basiliscus*, *Corytophanes*, *Laemanctus*)
 93. *Diplodactylid* Geckos (Genera: *Correlophus*, *Eurydactylodes*, *Mniarogekko*, *Oedura*, *Strophurus*, *Rhacodactylus*)
 94. *Eublepherine* Geckos (Genera: *Coleonyx*, *Eublepharis*, *Goniurosaurus*, *Hemitheconyx*)

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95. Gekkonid Geckos (Genera: *Cyrtodactylus*, *Gehyra*, *Gekko*, *Heteronotia*, *Lepidodactylus*, *Lygodactylus*, *Matoatoa*, *Paragehyra*, *Paroedura*, *Phelsuma*, *Pseudogekko*, *Ramigekko*, *Rhinogekko*, *Uroplatus*)
 96. Monitor Lizards (Genus *Varanus*: Species: *Acanthurus*, *Albigularis*, *Glauerti*, *Jobiensis*, *Kingorum*, *Macraei*, *Pilbarensis*, *Prasinus*, *Salvator*, *Timorensis*)
 97. Small Boid Snakes (Genera: *Acranthophis*, *Calabaria*, *Candoia*, *Chilabothrus*, *Corallus*, *Epicrates*, *Eryx*, *Sanzinia*)
 98. *Thecadactylus* Geckos (Genus *Thecadactylus*)
- B. Additionally, persons may possess and hold captive fish, bullfrogs, mussels, aquatic turtles, alligators, and other aquatic wildlife in compliance with Code Chapters [26.00](#), [27.00](#), [29.00](#), [30.00](#), [31.00](#), [32.00](#), [33.00](#), [34.00](#), [35.00](#), and Addenda Chapters [I1.00](#), [J1.00](#), and [V1.00](#).

R1.02 Permitted Captive Wildlife Species List

- A. Permits for breeding, sale, and importation may be issued for the following species in accordance with Codes [09.07](#) (Wildlife Breeder/Dealer Permit Required) and [09.10](#) (Wildlife Importation Permit Required):
1. Red-necked (Bennet's) wallaby (*Macropus rufogriseus*)
 2. African Dwarf Aquatic Frog (*Hymenochirus boettgeri*)
 3. RESERVED
 4. Horned Frog, Pacman Frog (*Ceratophrys spp.*)
 5. Moccasins (*Agkistrodon spp.*)
 6. Pygmy Rattlesnakes (*Sistrurus spp.*)
 7. Rattlesnakes (*Crotalus spp.*)
 8. Shield-nosed Cobras (Genus *Aspidelaps*)
 9. Cobras (Genus *Naja*)
 10. King Cobras (Genus *Ophiophagus*)
 11. Tree Cobras (Genus *Pseudohaje*)
 12. Desert Cobras (Genus *Walterinnesia*)
 13. African Bush Vipers (Genera *Atheris*, *Proatheris*)
 14. Boomsnangs (Genus *Dispholidus*)
 15. Eurasian/ American Elapid Snakes (Genera *Boulengerina*, *Bungarus*, *Calliophis*, *Dendroaspis*, *Hemibungarus*, *Micruroides*, *Micrurus*, *Sinomicrurus spp.*)
 16. Terrestrial Papuaaustralian Elapids (Genera *Notechis*, *Oxyuranus*, *Pseudonaja*, *Pseudechis*, *Vermicella spp.*)
 17. Sea Snakes (Genera *Acalyptophis*, *Aipysurus*, *Astrotia*, *Emydocephalus*, *Enhydrina*, *Ephalophis*, *Hydrelaps*, *Hydrophis*, *Kerilia*, *Kolpophis*, *Lapemis*, *Laticauda*, *Parahydrophis*, *Pelamis*, *Praescutata*, *Thalassophis spp.*)
 18. Southeast Asian Vipers (*Azemiops spp.*)
 19. Pitvipers (Genera *Calloselasma*, *Gloydus*, *Protobothrops*,

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Deinagkistrodon, Hypnale,
Ovophis, Trimeresurus,
Tropidolaemus, Atropoides,
Bothriechis spp.)
20. African Vipers (Genus *Bitis*)
 21. Palaeartic Vipers (Genus *Vipera*)
 22. Firebelly Toads (Genus *Bombina*)
 23. African Bullfrogs (Genus *Pyxicephalus*)
 24. Elands (Genus *Taurotragus*)
 25. Nyala (*Tragelaphus angasii*)
 26. Sable antelope (*Hippotragus niger*)
 27. Waterbuck (*Kobus ellipsiprymnus*)
 28. Steenbok (*Raphicerus campestris*)
 29. Red Kangaroo (*Macropus rufus*)
 30. Serval (*Leptailurus serval*)
 31. Caracal (*Caracal caracal*)
 32. Patagonian cavy (*Dolichotis patagonum*)
 33. European hedgehog (*Erinaceus europaeus*)
 34. Ring-tailed coati (*Nasua nasua*)
 35. Geoffroy's Cat (*Leopardus geoffroyi*)
 36. North American Porcupine (*Erethizon dorsatum*)
 37. Old World Porcupines (Subgenus *Hystrix*)
 38. Eurasian Lynx (*Lynx lynx*)
 39. Giraffe (*Giraffa camelopardalis*)
 40. Hyenas (Family *Hyaenidae*)
 41. Tamandua (Genus *Tamandua*)
 42. Common degu (*Octodon degus*)
 43. Cairo spiny mouse (*Acomys cahirinus*)
 44. Capuchin monkeys (Subfamily *Cebinae*)
 45. Common marmoset (*Callithrix jacchus*)
 46. Alexandrine Parakeet (*Psittacula eupatria*)
 47. Rose-ringed (Ring-necked) Parakeet (*Psittacula krameri*)
 48. Monk Parakeet (Quaker Parrot) (*Myiopsitta monachus*)
 49. Zebra (*Equus grevyi, E. quagga, E. zebra*)

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50. Water Buffalo (*Bubalus bubalis*)
51. Addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*)
52. Brindled gnu (*Connochaetes taurinus*)
53. Gaur (*Bos gaurus*)
54. Gerenuk (*Litocranius walleri*)
55. Himalayan tahr goat (*Hemitragus jemlahicus*)
56. Impala (*Aepyceros melampus*)
57. Tamarin monkeys (Genus *Saguinus*)
58. Black-tufted marmoset (*Callithrix penicillata*)
59. Geoffroy's or white-headed marmoset (*Callithrix geoffroyi*)
60. Chukar (*Alectoris chukar*)
61. Ring-necked (Common) Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*)
62. Arctic Fox (*Vulpes lagopus*)
63. White-necked Raven and Pied Crow (*Corvus albicollis*, *Corvus alba*)
64. Ostriches (Genus *Struthio*)
65. Beaded Lizards & Gila Monster (Genus *Heloderma*)
66. Poison Dart Frogs (Genera: *Dendrobates*, *Epipedobates*, *Phyllobates*, *Oophaga*, *Ranitomeya*)
67. All native species of wildlife not listed in Addendum [R1.01](#) (listing species for which the permits are not necessary) or [R1.03](#) (listing species for which permits will not be issued).
68. Any other unlisted species upon evaluation and determination by the Commission that the species does not pose a significant risk to human health and safety, native fish and wildlife health or populations, or agriculture, and that can be safely confined in a humane manner.

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 Addendum [F1.03](#) (possession of some species may be allowed in accordance with Codes [09.02](#), [09.05](#), [09.13](#), and [09.14](#)):

1. Apes
2. Baboons (Genus *Papio*)
3. Bats (Order Chiroptera)
4. Box turtles (Genus *Terrapene*)
5. Cervids (Family Cervidae)
6. Coyotes 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
7. Foxes (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus* and *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
8. Large carnivores
9. Macaques (Genus *Macaca*)
10. Mountain lions (*Puma concolor*)
11. Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*)
12. Rodents (Order Rodentia) captured in the wild from Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, or Wyoming
13. Skunks (Genus *Mephitis* and *Spilogale*)
14. Waterfowl (except for the importation of hatching eggs or waterfowl acquired from a Commission-permitted Wildlife Breeder/Dealer)
15. Blackbuck antelope (*Antilope cervicapra*)*

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16. Black-tailed prairie dogs
(*Cynomys ludovicianus*) *
17. Capybara (*Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*) **
18. Nilgai (*Boselaphus tragocamelus*) **
19. Aoudad Sheep (*Ammotragus lervia*) **
20. Oryx (Genus *Oryx*) **
21. Kudu (*Tragelaphus* spp.) **
22. Lechwe (*Kobus leche*) **
23. Ibex (*Capra* spp.) **
24. Jaguar (*Panthera onca*) **
25. Leopard (*Panthera pardus*) **
26. Snow Leopard (*Panthera uncia*) **
27. Hippopotamus (*Hippopotamus amphibious*) **
28. Warthog (Genus *Phacochoerus*) **
29. Rhinoceros (Family *Rhinocerotidae*) **
30. Newts, fire salamanders, etc.
(Family Salamandridae) **
31. Large Asian and African
Pythons: Reticulated,
Burmese, and Rock Pythons
(*Malayopython reticulatus*,
Python bivittatus, *P. molurus*,
P. natalensis, *P. sebae*) **

* 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.

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