

Santa Monica Mountains wildlife unlikely to occur in Griffith Park

These include species that probably never occurred in Griffith Park, either because of the lack of appropriate habitat (e.g., large, permanent streams), or because they have been extirpated from the eastern Santa Monica Mountains (e.g., Black-tailed Jackrabbit). Some habitat generalists, such as the Badger, may have occurred at Griffith Park in recent years, but the total lack of any records suggests that they are now absent.

Mammals

RACCOONS & RINGTAILS

Ringtail (*Bassariscus astutus*)

WEASELS & SKUNKS

Spotted Skunk (*Spilogale putorius*)

Badger (*Taxidea taxus*)

CARNIVORES

Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)*

POCKET MICE, etc.

Pacific Kangaroo-Rat (*Dipodomys agilis*)

HARES & RABBITS

Black-tailed Jackrabbit (*Lepus californicus*)

Brush Rabbit (*Sylvilagus bachmani*)

Amphibians & Reptiles

NEWTS & SALAMANDERS

Ensatina (*Ensatina eschscholtzii*)

California Newt (*Taricha torosa*)

FROGS & TOADS

California Treefrog/Chorus-frog (*Hyla/Pseudocaris cadaverina*)

California Red-legged Frog (*Rana aurora*)

TURTLES

Western Pond Turtle (*Clemmys marmorata*)

SNAKES

Western Yellowbelly Racer (*Coluber constrictor*)

Night Snake (*Hypsiglena torquata*)
Mountain Kingsnake (*Lampropeltis zonata*)
Coachwhip (*Masticophis flagellum*)
Coast Patch-nosed Snake (*Salvadora hexalepis*)
California Blackhead Snake (*Tantilla planiceps*)
Two-striped Garter Snake (*Thamnophis hammondi*)
California Lyre Snake (*Trimorphodon biscutatus*)
Western Blind Snake (*Leptotyphlops humilis*)

* Non-native, and restricted to the immediate coast in our area.

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