

LENAPE NAMES OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

These are names and photographs of some of the common amphibians and reptiles known to the Lenape or Delaware Indians. In the first column there are links in blue that can be clicked to take you to the Lenape Talking Dictionary (www.talk-lenape.org) where you can hear the Lenape name. In the third column enclosed in " " is the literal translation of the Lenape name.

AMPHIBIANS

chahkol http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=658		frog
tunahkikwe http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=10349		tadpole
xanhane http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11509		bullfrog
shaxakwtis http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9570		tree frog

<p>kaxkhàkës</p> <p>http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=1756</p>		<p>toad</p>
<p>tuwèkw</p> <p>http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=10373</p>		<p>mudpuppy; waterdog (<i>Necturus maculosus</i>)</p>

REPTILES

<p>pamputis</p> <p>http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8259</p>		<p>snapping turtle</p>
<p>pisëlatulpe</p> <p>http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8769</p>		<p>soft-shell turtle "wrinkled turtle"</p>

tulpe		turtle; sea turtle
tahkox		turtle
xkuk		snake This is the generic name for a snake of any kind.
shixikwe		rattlesnake

<p>kwishkamuwe</p> <p>http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=3601</p>		<p>copperhead</p>
<p>kwëntahshès</p> <p>http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=3410</p>		<p>water moccasin</p>
<p>sëkxkuk</p> <p>http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=13307</p>		<p>black snake</p>
<p>màxkàxtayat</p> <p>http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=4419</p>		<p>snake with red belly</p>

<p>pehpakàntpehëlas</p> <p>http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=17222</p>		<p>hognose snake</p>
<p>mpiaxkuk</p> <p>http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=5125</p>		<p>water snake</p>
<p>këkahtaliakwe</p> <p>http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=1834</p>		<p>lizard</p>
<p>wekaxksit</p> <p>http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=10531</p>		<p>horned toad</p>

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[http://talk-
lenape.org/detail?id=9543](http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9543)



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