

LIST OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS OF NYIKA NATIONAL PARK AND VWAZA MARSH WILDLIFE RESERVE

This checklist of all reptile and amphibian species recorded from the Nyika National Park and immediate surrounds (both in Malawi and Zambia) and from the Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve was compiled by Dr Donald Broadley of the Natural History Museum of Zimbabwe in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, in November 2013. It is arranged in zoological order by scientific name; common names are given in brackets. The notes indicate where the records are from. Endemic species (that is species only known from this area) are indicated by an **E** before the scientific name.

Further details of names and the sources of the records are available on request from the Nyika Vwaza Trust Secretariat.

REPTILES

TORTOISES & TERRAPINS

Family Pelomedusidae

Pelusios rhodesianus (Variable Hinged Terrapin) Vwaza

LIZARDS

Family Agamidae

Acanthocercus branchi (Branch's Tree Agama) Nyika

Agama kirkii kirkii (Kirk's Rock Agama) Vwaza

Agama armata (Eastern Spiny Agama) Nyika

Family Chamaeleonidae

Rhampholeon nchisiensis (Nchisi Pygmy Chameleon) Nyika

Chamaeleo dilepis (Common Flap-necked Chameleon) Nyika(Nchenachena), Vwaza

Trioceros goetzei nyikae (Nyika Whistling Chameleon) Nyika(Nchenachena)

Trioceros incornutus (Ukinga Hornless Chameleon) Nyika

Family Gekkonidae

Lygodactylus angularis (Angle-throated Dwarf Gecko) Nyika

Lygodactylus capensis (Cape Dwarf Gecko) Nyika(Nchenachena), Vwaza

Hemidactylus mabouia (Tropical House Gecko) Nyika

Family Scincidae

Trachylepis varia (Variable Skink) Nyika, Vwaza

Trachylepis brauni (Ukinga Montane Skink) Nyika

Trachylepis striata (Common Striped Skink) Nyika(Nchenachena), Nyika(Zambia), Vwaza

Afroablepharus wahlbergii (Wahlberg's Snake-eyed Skink) Nyika(Nchenachena), Vwaza

E *Eumecia johnstoni* (Nyika Serpentine Skink) Nyika (only collected once)

Family Lacertidae

Latastia johnstoni (Johnston's Scrub Lizard) probably not Nyika, Vwaza

Meroles squamulosa (Mozambique Sand Lizard) Vwaza

Family Cordylidae

Cordylus tropidosternum (Tropical Girdled Lizard) Nyika, probably at lower altitude

Cordylus nyikae (Nyika Girdled Lizard) widespread on the Nyika

Chamaesaura miopropus (Zambian Snake Lizard) Nyika

Family Gerrhosauridae

Gerrhosaurus flavigularis (Yellow-throated Plated Lizard) Nyika, Vwaza

Family Varanidae*Varanus niloticus* (Nile Monitor)

Chipome Valley, Vwaza

Family Gerrhosauridae*Gerrhosaurus flavigularis* (Yellow-throated Plated Lizard)

Nyika, Vwaza

SNAKES**Family Pythonidae***Python natalensis* (Southern African Python)

Nyika (Zambia)

Family Viperidae*Causus rhombeatus* (Rhombic Night-Adder)

Nyika (Nchenachena)

Causus defilippii (Snouted Night-Adder)

Nyika(Nchenachena)

Bitis arietans (Puff-Adder)

Nyika, Vwaza

Atheris rungweensis (Rungwe Sedge-Viper)

Nyika(Zambia), southernmost record

Family Elapidae*Naja (Afronaja) nigricollis* (Black-necked Spitting Cobra)

Nyika, park gate

Family Psammophiidae*Rhamphiphis rostratus* (Rufous Beaked Snake)

Nyika Plateau over 2000m,

Nyika(Zambia)

Psammophylax variabilis (Variable Grass-Snake)

Nyika

Psammophis phillipsii (Olive Whip Snake)

Nyika(Nchenachena)

Family Pseudoxyrhopiidae: Subfamily Amplorhininae*Duberria shirana* (Shire Slug-eater)

Nyika

Family Pseudaspidae*Pseudaspis cana* (Mole Snake)

Nyika (Malawi & Zambia)

Family Lamprophiidae*Lycophidion capense* (Cape Wolf Snake)

Nyika (Zambia)

Boaedon capensis (Brown House Snake)

Nyika (Nchenachena)

Family Natricidae*Natriciteres olivacea* (Olive Marsh Snake)

Nyika

Family Colubridae*Philothamnus hoplogaster* (South-eastern Green Snake)

Nyika (Nchenachena)

Philothamnus angolensis (Angolan Green Snake)

Nyika (Nchenachena)

Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia (Herald Snake)

Vwaza

Dasypeltis scabra (Common Rhombic Egg-eater)

Nyika (Zambia)

Dispholidus typus viridis (Common Boomslang)

Nyika (Nchenachena)

AMPHIBIANS**Family Pipidae***Xenopus laevis* (Common Platanna or Clawed Frog)

Nyika

Xenopus muelleri (Tropical Platanna or Clawed Frog)

Vwaza

Family Bufonidae*Amietophrynus garmani* (Eastern Olive Toad)

Vwaza

Amietophrynus gutturalis (Guttural Toad)

Nyika

Amietophrynus maculatus (Flat-backed Toad)

Nyika (Nchenachena)

Mertensophryne taitana (Black-chested Dwarf Toad)Nyika (Zambia), Nyika (Nkhonjera Mt),
Chelinda

<i>Mertensophryne nyikae</i> (Nyika Dwarf Toad)	Nyika (Malawi & Zambia)
<i>Schismaderma carens</i> (Red Toad)	Mwanda Mt, Vwaza (Lake Kazuni), Thazimba
Family Breviceptidae	
<i>Breviceps poweri</i> (Power's Rain Frog)	Vwaza
Family Hemisotidae	
<i>Hemisus marmoratus</i> (Mottled Shovel-snouted Frog)	Vwaza
Family Pyxicephalidae	
<i>Amietia angolensis</i> (Angolan River Frog)	Nyika (Nchenachena), Chelinda
<i>Amietia viridireticulata</i> (Highland River Frog)	Nyika
<i>Strongylopus fuelleborni</i> (Poroto Long-toed Frog)	common across Nyika, also Nganda
Family Ptychadenidae	
<i>Ptychdaena anchietae</i> (Plain Grass Frog)	Vwaza
<i>Ptychadena oxyrhynchus</i> (Sharp-snouted Grass Frog)	Nyika (Nchenachena)
<i>Ptychadaena porosissima</i> (Striped Grass Frog)	common across Nyika Plateau
<i>Ptychadaena uzungwensis</i> (Udzungwe Grass Frog)	Chelinda
<i>Ptychadaena guibei</i> (Guibe's Yellow-bellied Grass Frog)	Vwaza
<i>Ptychadaena mossambica</i> (Broad-banded Grass Frog)	Vwaza
Family Phrynobatrachidae	
<i>Phrynobatrachus natalensis</i> (Snoring Puddle Frog)	Nyika (Nchenachena), Vwaza
<i>Phrynobatrachus mababiensis</i> (Mababe Puddle Frog)	Nyika (Nchenachena), Vwaza
<i>Phrynobatrachus parvulus</i> (Dwarf Puddle Frog)	Nyika
<i>Phrynobatrachus ukingensis</i> (Ukinga Puddle Frog)	Nyika (Nchenachena)
Family Arthroleptidae	
<i>Arthroleptis stenodactylus</i> (Shovel-footed Squeaker)	? Nyika (locality suspect)
<i>Arthroleptis xenochirus</i> (Plain Squeaker)	widespread on Nyika, Nkonjera Mt
<i>Arthroleptis xenodactyloides</i> (Dwarf Squeaker)	Nchenachena Falls, Nkonjera Mt
<i>Leptopelis mossambicus</i> (Mozambique Tree Frog)	Vwaza
Family Hyperoliidae	
<i>Afrixalus brachycnemis</i> (Short-legged Spiny Reed Frog)	Vwaza
<i>Hyperolius nasutus</i> (Long Reed Frog)	Vwaza, Chelinda
<i>Hyperolius substriatus</i> (Orange Sedge Frog)	Nyika (Nchenachena)
E <i>Hyperolius quinquevittatus mertensi</i> (Black-striped Sedge Frog)	endemic to Nyika Plateau, but subspecies not always recognised
<i>Hyperolius pictus</i> (Variable Montane Sedge Frog)	across Nyika Plateau
<i>Hyperolius marmoratus marginatus</i> (Margined Sedge Frog)	Nyika (Nchenachena), Vwaza

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