

Lizard Families of the World

Remember that you should be able to identify specimens to family by external morphological characteristics alone. Do not rely upon coloration and pattern characteristics since these are often bleached out in preserved specimens. Typical coloration and patterning also tends to vary greatly in nature. Know **Distribution** and **Representative Forms** information contained in the Snakes handout, *even if there are not representative specimens in our Collection.*

Scolecophidia	Alethinophidia	Caenophidia
Anomalepididae*	Aniloidea	Acrochordidae*
Leptotyphlopidae	Aniilidae	Colubroidea
Typhlopidae	Uropeltidae	Colubridae
	Macrostromata	Elapidae
	Boidae	Viperidae
	Bolyeriidae*	Atractaspididae
	Loxocemidae	
	Tropidophiidae*	
	Xenopeltidae	

*= no specimens for this family represented in our collection.