



Things That Creep Final Report

Contra Costa County 2025 Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund Grant

Things That Creep created and printed the first pocket guide to the Reptiles of the San Francisco Bay Area. It was created by a dedicated team of passionate volunteers over the course of a year - over 20 people including biologists, citizen scientists, wildlife educators, photographers, illustrators, and designers contributed their time to bring this project to life.

This full-color guide showcases the incredible reptile biodiversity of the Bay Area with photographs of 30 species across six double-sided panels. Use of photos were generously donated by 15 different photographers and carefully chosen to exhibit each species in a way that helps the reader with identification. Together, we've created an accessible, visually engaging, and scientifically accurate resource that highlights every reptile species native to the Bay Area.

With support from the Contra Costa County 2025 Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund Grant, and community donations, 2,000 guides were printed and are being distributed for free to public schools and students in Contra Costa County. Designed to complement classroom learning, this durable guide helps students and families explore local wildlife in their own backyards. By learning to recognize and appreciate these amazing animals, we take the first steps toward protecting the reptiles that share our environment.

Additionally, the guide addresses human-wildlife interactions by providing information on safe and respectful ways to engage with reptiles, helping to mitigate conflicts and promote coexistence. One panel focused solely on the Northern Pacific Rattlesnake, which is the only

snake in the Bay Area that is dangerous to humans. It includes information on how to tell this snake apart from similar snakes, and how to stay safe in our shared outdoor spaces.

As previously approved by the Fish and Wildlife Committee on October 15, 2025, through a project modification and extension request, the project scope was revised from printing 3,000 four-panel guides to printing 2,000 six-panel guides due to increased printing costs and a change in vendors. After extensive research, we partnered with Waterford Press, a publisher that specializes in durable, nature-focused pocket guides. Due to changes in vendor and guide format, our final product will be a six-panel, full-color guide — more comprehensive than originally scoped — with a print run of 2,000 copies at a cost of \$8,470. An additional \$1,270 was required to print the 2,000 copies. To cover this extra cost, we printed an additional 500 copies to sell, with all proceeds from these additional copies going to fund the additional \$1,270 that wasn't covered by this grant. Given these developments, this project took us longer and cost more than expected.

These pocket guides are currently being distributed with the help of John Iwawaki, the Science & Engineering Coordinator of West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD). He is facilitating the distribution of 1,500 of the guides to 3rd-12th grade students at (WCCUSD) public schools. Of the remaining 500, 175 were distributed this past spring Richmond public school students. The last 325 will be distributed this fall to Richmond public school students to complement our existing Neighborhood Snakes program. This multi-media curriculum introduces students to the most common snakes in the Bay Area. This pocket guide is an educational tool that extends learning about local reptile species beyond the classroom.

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Grantee Name: Things That Creep
Name of Project: Pocket Guide to Bay Area Reptiles
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Page number that receipt is on.	Description of service/item and amount allowable from grant award	Vendor	Date on Receipt/Invoice number	Description of service/item on receipt (highlight item(s) on receipt)	Total Amount of Receipt/Invoice	Total Amount of Receipt/Invoice for reimbursement from the Grant
1	Printing of pocket guides	Simon & Schuster LLC	4/9/2026	Guide to Reptiles of the	\$9,850.00	\$7,200.00

TOTAL

\$7,200.00

Subtract Early Disbursement of Funds Due to Financial Hardship

\$3,600.00

Remainder to be Reimbursed

\$3,600.00