The following herps (reptiles and amphibians) are those that are commonly found in backyard habitats in Maryland. For more information on these species, check out the DNR page on MD’s Herps: dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/plants_wildlife/herps/index.aspx

**Common Backyard Herps**

- **American Bullfrog**  
  by: John White

- **Green Frog**  
  by: Kerry Wixted

- **Southern Leopard Frog**  
  by: Kerry Wixted

- **Spring Peeper**  
  by: Kerry Wixted

- **American Toad**  
  by: Kerry Wixted

- **Fowler’s Toad**  
  by: John White

- **Common Five-lined Skink**  
  by: Laura Perlick, USFWS

- **Eastern Red-backed Salamander**  
  by: John White
Common Backyard Herps

Northern Dusky Salamander
by: Kerry Wixted

Eastern Newt (Juvenile)
by: Kerry Wixted

Eastern Newt (Adult)
by: Kerry Wixted

Eastern Ratsnake
by: Kerry Wixted

Eastern Ribbonsnake
by: Kerry Wixted

Common Gartersnake
by: Kerry Wixted

Eastern Box Turtle
by: Kerry Wixted

Eastern Painted Turtle
by: C. Wickliffe

Snapping Turtle
by: John White

Red-eared Slider
by: John White

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