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Wildlife and Other Sightings: Western Whiptail, Gilbert's Skink....

August 04, 2012 || Posted by: PU - Mather District Interpretive Ranger

Western Whiptail

Aspidoscelis tigris



July 25, 2012

Hetch Hetchy

Western Whiptails were active along the trail from O'Shaughnessy Dam to Wapama Falls from 9:30 to 11:45AM. These lizards are more commonly observed in open habitat, running from bush to bush.

Gilbert's Skink

Plestidon gilberti



July 25, 2012

Hetch Hetchy

This lizard is most often heard before it is seen. They are excellent leaf litter "swimmers." In quiet moments, listen for faint rustling in the leaf litter (most commonly oak). They will periodically peek their heads out for a look on the surface. This individual was observed close to the picnic tables near the rest rooms at Hetch Hetchy. A blue-tailed juvenile was observed cruising in the leaf litter near Hodgdon Meadow employee housing.

Black Bear

Ursus americanus



July 25, 2012

Hetch Hetchy

Fresh scat filled with Manzanita seeds was observed on the trail between O'Shaughnessy Dam and Wapama Falls.



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