



Winner: Kevin Stohlgren found this hatchling **Reticulate Gila Monster (*Heloderma suspectum suspectum*)** at night, crossing a golf cart path in Pima Co., AZ. The golf course has an abundance of rocky areas that provide refuge for these and other reptiles in the area. Gila Monsters occur in the scrublands and deserts of the southwestern United States and into Mexico. They are a protected species in the state of Arizona, as in most of their range, but the loss of habitat due to the rapid expansion of urban areas may prove to be a significant threat to their survival.

April 2012

Year of the Lizard Photo Contest Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	Good Friday Holiday (Can)	6 7
8	Easter Monday (Can)	9	10	11	12	13 14
15	16	17	18	19	Lizards of the SW Talk, Borrego Springs, CA, 6:30 pm*	Lizard walk Anza-Borrego Desert St. Pk., CA
Southwestern Association of Naturalists Annual Meeting, Valle de Bravo, Mexico						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



Runner-up: This Eastern Fence Lizard (*Sceloporus undulatus*) flashed his bright blue belly patches while sunning himself on a tree in photographer James Quinn Brantley's back yard in Mooresville, North Carolina in 2008. Fence lizards are a great example of watchable wildlife because this habit makes them easy to spot. But try not to get so close that you spook them: the effort of flight requires a long recovery time.

*Hosted by Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Natural History Association, Borrego Springs, San Diego County, CA

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