



**Year of the Lizard
Photo Contest Calendar**

December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	Christmas Day 25	Boxing Day (Can) 26	27	28	29
30	31	For 2013, check out www.yearofthesnake.org				



Winners: (top L) Jackson D. Shedd photographed this **California Legless Lizard (*Anniella pulchra*)** under a Contra Costa Co., CA, oak tree in remnant habitat among houses and businesses. Agriculture, oil drilling, and invasive iceplant are also chipping away at the species' habitats. (top R) High-school science teacher **Andrew Brinker** captured this female **Common Lesser Earless Lizard (*Holbrookia maculata*)** on film while working on Dunes Sagebrush Lizard (*Sceloporus arenicolus*) research in New Mexico. Her orange sides let males seeking mates know that they're too late—she's gravid. (bottom L) **Sara Viernum** found this endangered **Blunt-nosed Leopard Lizard (*Gambelia sila*)** during hatchling surveys near Bakersfield, CA. Found only in the San Joaquin Valley, these lizards are threatened by habitat loss to agriculture, urbanization, and other activities. (bottom R) It's real, not Photoshop! **Joe Farah** snapped this male **Eastern Collared Lizard (*Crotaphytus collaris*)** in his incredibly blue mating color.