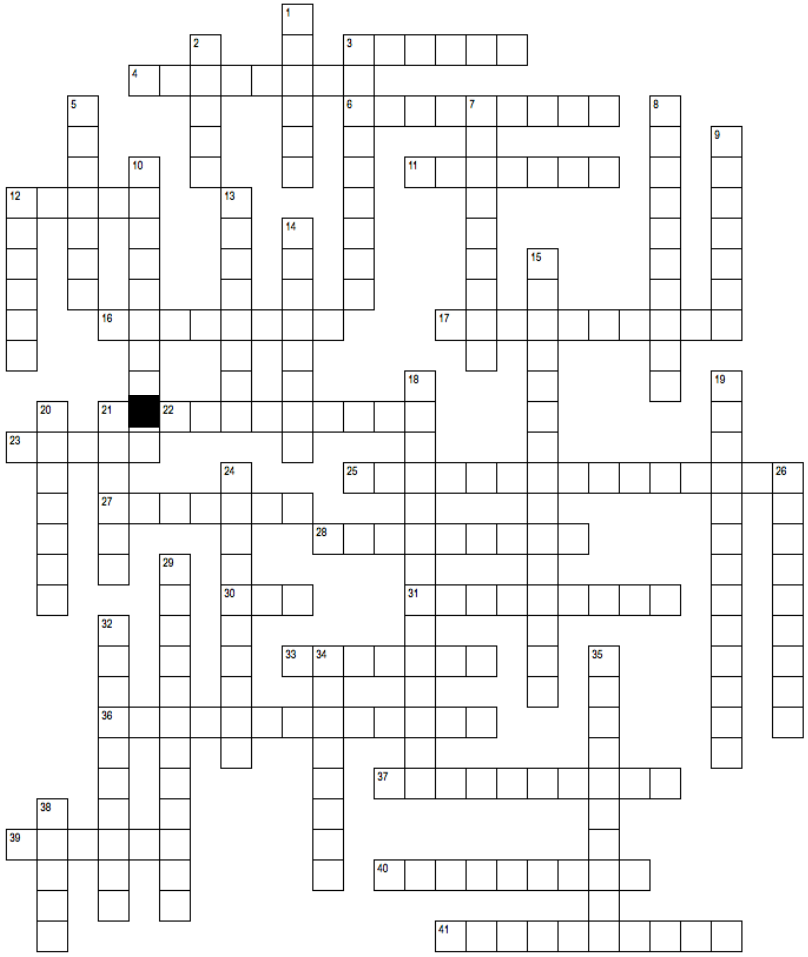
Biology 452, “Reptile” Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3 Common name of lizard that specializes on eating ants.
4 Clade defined by the presence of 2 temporal openings in the skull, even if modified.
6 Common name of fast moving snake that hunts by holding head high.
11 Turtle with reddish colored, highly patterned plastron.
12 Enlarged pair of plastron scutes seen in tortoises.
16 Family that includes the poisonous coral snakes.
17 Family that includes harmless “water” associated, live-bearing snakes.
22 Transparent scale covering the eyes of snakes & the lizards that lack eyelids.
23 Gila monster can use this to kill its vertebrate prey.
25 Term for snakes with non-retractable fangs at the front of the upper jaw.
27 Common name of snake that can puff up its head as a defense or rolls over to play “dead”.
28 Family of snakes with a pair of heat-sensing pits between the eyes & the nostrils.
30 Common name of terrestrial turtle with 1 hinge in its plastron.
31 Name for scutes that form the outer edges of a turtle’s carapace.
33 Substance that forms the “rattle” on rattlesnakes.
36 Family that can run down & eat other vertebrates; not found in WA.
37 Order that includes turtles and tortoises.
39 Term for scales that have a small ridge running down the midline.
40 Common name of snake that includes species whose color markings mimic dangerous coral snakes.
41 Family of small bodied, slender, rear-fanged snakes.

DOWN

1 Family of snakes whose males have pelvic “spurs” that may stimulate the female during mating.
2 Common name of snake in which the adults have a uniform dorsal color.
3 Common name of turtle that specializes on eating sponges.
5 Shape of smooth, rounded, overlapping scales.
7 Family includes a local species that has smooth scales, short legs & a long slender body.
8 Family of turtles adapted for marine life; with well-developed shells & flippers.
9 Family that includes the Whiptailed Lizards.
10 Tiny, non-overlapping scales on Long-nosed Leopard Lizards.
12 Common name of snakes with highly variable markings from striped to blotchy; most have a central dorsal stripe.
13 Family that has dermal bones in the skin that stiffen its short-legged body.
14 Order includes both lizards & snakes.
15 Family of “spiny lizards”.
18 Family of venomous lizards; body covered with beaded scales.
19 Family of turtles not found in WA; with 1-2 hinges in the plastron.
20 Name for pores on inner thighs of lizards that release pheromones; largest in males.
21 Common name of harmless snake that mimics the appearance & behaviors of rattlesnakes.
24 Family includes the Long-nosed Snake & California Mountain Kingsnake.
26 Males of this species have blue sides with a mottled blue throat.
29 Family of snakes with robust rear-fangs; specialized on eating frogs.
32 Order includes the Alligator & Gavial for example.
34 Family includes both aquatic & terrestrial species of turtles.
35 Common name of small snake with a bright-colored band of scales behind its head.
38 Place where some of the spiny lizards sit & watch for their prey.