



Short-horned Lizard

(Phrynosoma douglassi)

There are two species of short-horned lizards in Utah: the Mountain and Salt Lake. These lizards, commonly called “horned toads,” are really members of the reptile family. They are easily recognized by short pointed horns found on the back of the head. Their broad and flat, gray-to-brown bodies are colored and patterned to resemble the soil on which they live. Short-horned lizards can be found in sandy or rocky plains and forested areas throughout Utah. They are mostly active during midday, and at night burrow into the soil. All reptiles are protected wildlife in Utah.