	Agassiz's desert tortoise ***Gopherus agassizii*** **(Cooper 1861)**	**Morafka's desert tortoise (new species)** ***Gopherus morafkai*** **Murphy et al. 2011**
Geographical Distribution	North and west of Colorado River	South and east of Colorado River
General Shape of Shell	Box-like, high domed in CA Box-like, low-domed in UT	Flatter, pear-shaped
Preferred Topography	Predominantly in valleys; digs and hides in burrows	Predominantly on slopes and rocky hillsides; hides and burrows under rock crevices
Preferred Habitats	Mostly in Mojave Desert, around salbrush scrub, creosote bush scrub, desert scrub, tree yucca woodland	Mostly in Sonoran Desert, around uplands, thornscrub and grasslands
Egg Laying Season	April to mid-July	Early June to early August
Federal Status	Threatened	Not listed
Namesake	Louis Agassiz, eminent 19th Century biologist and Harvard professor	David J. Morafka, late distinguished biologist and California State University Dominguez Hills professor

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