



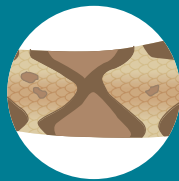
Copperhead



Triangular Head,
Heat-Sensory Pits



Vertical
Pupils



Hourglass
Pattern

Chestnut or reddish-brown hourglass-shaped crossbands on a lighter colored body. Averages 2 - 3 feet in length.

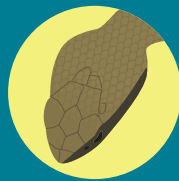


Rocky areas and wooded bottomlands, rarely in dry areas. In the spring they can be found along streams and rivers, as well as in weed-covered vacant lots



Water Moccasin

Photo: billclarkbugsperts.com



Triangular Head,
Heat-Sensory Pits



Vertical
Pupils



Gaping White
Mouth

Dark brown, olive-brown, olive green or almost solid black. Marked with wide, dark bands, which are often more distinct when young. Heavy-bodied, averages 3-1/2 feet in length.

Floats while swimming, with head well above the water. May open its mouth when confronted, exposing cotton white interior.

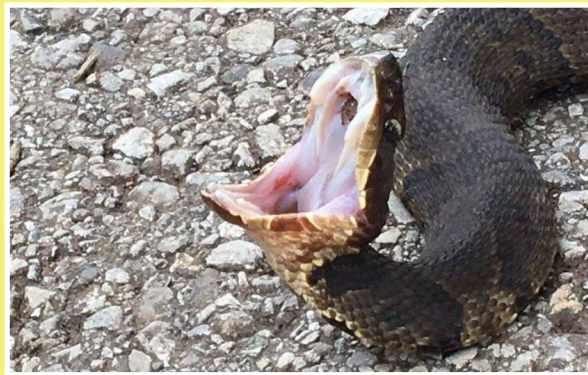


Photo: Brazos Bend State Park

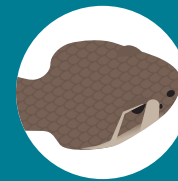


Swamps, sluggish waterways, coastal marshes, rivers, ponds and streams.

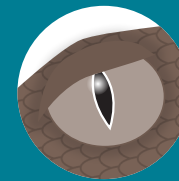


Western Diamondback Rattlesnake

Photo: tpwd.texas.gov



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Heat-Sensory Pits



Vertical
Pupils



Rattle
Sound

Brown, diamond-shaped markings along the middle of the back and alternating black and white rings on the tail. Averages 3 1/2 to 4-1/2 feet in length.

Produces a rattling sound when confronted.



From desert flats to rocky hillsides, grassy plains, forested areas, river bottoms and coastal prairies.



Coral Snake



**"Black Touch
Yellow" Pattern**



Black Snout

Small head, round pupils, distinctive pattern of broad black ring, a narrow yellow ring and a broad red ring, with the red rings always bordered by the yellow rings. Usually 2-1/2 feet or shorter.



If you encounter a snake remember:

S

STOP immediately if you see a snake.

N

NEVER attempt to catch, disturb or KILL any snake.

A

ALWAYS be aware of your surroundings and where you step.

K

KEEP your distance. Stay at least 3 feet away. Back away slowly.

E

EMERGENCY - if you are bit dial 911! Circle swelling. ID if possible.

S

SAVE A LIFE! Stay calm and practice First Aid till help arrives. Give Benadryl. Do not wrap.

Photos by Seth Patterson (unless otherwise noted)

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A Guide to Common and Notable Species
(sneaky sneks)



★ Habitat ★ Characteristics
★ Field Identification



Woodlands, canyons and coastal plains.

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