



# SNAKES OF EAST TENNESSEE



EAST TENNESSEE IS HOME TO 23 SPECIES OF SNAKES;  
ONLY 2 OF THESE ARE VENOMOUS.

## NONVENOMOUS SNAKES FOUND IN EAST TENNESSEE



Photo by John White  
**BLACK KINGSNAKE**  
*Lampropeltis niger*



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**SCARLET KINGSNAKE**  
*Lampropeltis elapsoides*



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**EASTERN MILKSNAKE**  
*Lampropeltis triangulum*



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**MOLE KINGSNAKE**  
*Lampropeltis rhombomaculata*



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**RING-NECKED SNAKE**  
*Diadophis punctatus*



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**SMOOTH EARTHSNAKE**  
*Virginia valeriae*



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**EASTERN WORMSNAKE**  
*Carphophis amoenus*



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**RED-BELLIED SNAKE**  
*Storeria occipitomaculata*



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**DEKAY'S BROWNSNAKE**  
*Storeria dekayi*



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**SCARLETSNAKE**  
*Cemophora coccinea*



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**RATSNAKE**  
*Elaphe spiloides*



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**CORNSNAKE**  
*Elaphe guttata*



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**BLACK RACER**  
*Coluber constrictor*



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**ROUGH GREENSNAKE**  
*Opheodrys aestivus*



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**QUEEN SNAKE**  
*Regina septemvittata*



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**EASTERN RIBBONSNAKE**  
*Thamnophis sauritus*



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**COMMON GARTERSNAKE**  
*Thamnophis sirtalis*



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**NORTHERN PINESNAKE**  
*Pituophis melanoleucus*



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**SOUTHEASTERN CROWNED SNAKE**  
*Tantilla coronata*

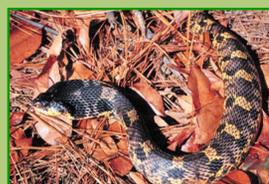


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**EASTERN HOG-NOSED SNAKE**  
*Heterodon platirhinos*



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**NORTHERN WATERSNAKE**  
*Nerodia sipedon*

## VENOMOUS SNAKES FOUND IN EAST TENNESSEE



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**TIMBER RATTLESNAKE**  
*Crotalus horridus*



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**COPPERHEAD**  
*Agkistrodon contortrix*

**COTTONMOUTHS (*Agkistrodon piscivorus*) DO NOT OCCUR IN EAST TENNESSEE. MOST REPORTED SIGHTINGS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO MISIDENTIFICATION OF THE NORTHERN WATERSNAKE.**



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**COTTONMOUTH**  
*Agkistrodon piscivorus*

## VENOMOUS OR NONVENOMOUS



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**VENOMOUS SNAKES IN EAST TENNESSEE CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY THE PRESENCE OF HEAT SENSING PITS BEHIND THE NOSTRILS AND ELIPTICAL PUPILS.**

**NONVENOMOUS SNAKES LACK HEAT SENSING PITS AND HAVE ROUND PUPILS.**