



SNAKES

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TIMBER RATTLESNAKE

Crotalus horridus



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STATE ENDANGERED

Description: 30-60". Thick black body w/faint brown cross bands, large triangular head and blunt rattle at end of tail. *Only venomous snake in NH.*

Habitat: Brushy, forested areas, rocky, south-facing hillsides, rock crevices for hibernation.

Range: Extremely rare. One population in NH. Very unlikely to be seen.

E. HOGNOSE SNAKE

Heterodon platirhinos



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STATE ENDANGERED

Description: 20-35". Thick gray-black body, possibly w/ brown-red blotches; upturned snout.

Habitat: Sandy, gravelly soils, forests, fields.

Range: Merrimack River watershed, Concord, NH, to Mass. border.

NO. BLACK RACER

Coluber constrictor constrictor



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STATE THREATENED

Description: 36-60". Slender, glossy black w/ white throat and chin.

Habitat: Dry brushy pastures, powerline corridors, rocky ledges, and woodlands.

Range: Sparse through southeastern NH.

NO. WATER SNAKE

Nerodia sipedon sipedon



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Description: 24-42". Dark body w/blotches or bands on top and black or red half-moon shapes on belly.

Habitat: Aquatic areas: streams, ponds, swamps, marshes. May travel several hundred ft. from water.

Range: Throughout NH, except far north.

MILK SNAKE

Lampropeltis triangulum triangulum



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Description: 24-36". Slender gray body w/red-brown blotches and black-on-white checkerboard belly.

Habitat: Fields, farms, woodlands, rocky hillsides, barns, stone basements, under logs, stones, boards, trash piles.

Range: Throughout NH, except far north.



RIBBON SNAKE
Thamnophis sauritus



Description: 16-35". Slender body, with 3 yellow-green stripes along top and sides, often with a reddish hue below side stripes.

Habitat: Ponds, swamps, bogs, stream edges. Seldom far from water.

Range: Throughout NH, except far north.

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NO. RED-BELLIED SNAKE
Storeria occipitomaculata occipitomaculata



Description: 8-10". Small brown-gray body with red-orange belly.

Habitat: Woodlands, fields, shorelines, swamps, sphagnum bogs, under rocks, wood piles, and trash piles.

Range: Widespread throughout NH.

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SMOOTH GREEN SNAKE
Ophedryx vernalis



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Description: 10-20". Slender bright-green snake with white or pale yellow belly.

Habitat: Upland grassy fields, pastures, meadows, blueberry barrens, and forest openings.

Range: Throughout N.H.

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GARTER SNAKE
Thamnophis sirtalis



Description: 18-26". Striped body w/ 2-3 yellow-brown-green stripes along top and sides; variable color and pattern.

Habitat: Woodlands, hillsides, wetlands, backyards, under rocks, logs, stumps, trash piles, etc.

Range: Widespread throughout NH.

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RINGNECK SNAKE
Diadophis punctatus edwardsii



Description: 10-15". Slender, bluish-black body with golden ring around neck and yellow belly.

Habitat: Moist, shady woodlands, under rocks, logs, or other woody debris.

Range: Widespread throughout NH.

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BROWN SNAKE
Storeria dekayi dekayi



Description: 10-14". Brown body with 2 rows of dark spots down the top.

Habitat: Urban, rural areas, vacant lots, parks, woodlands, fields, marshes, under wood piles, rocks, and trash piles.

Range: Throughout southern NH.

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