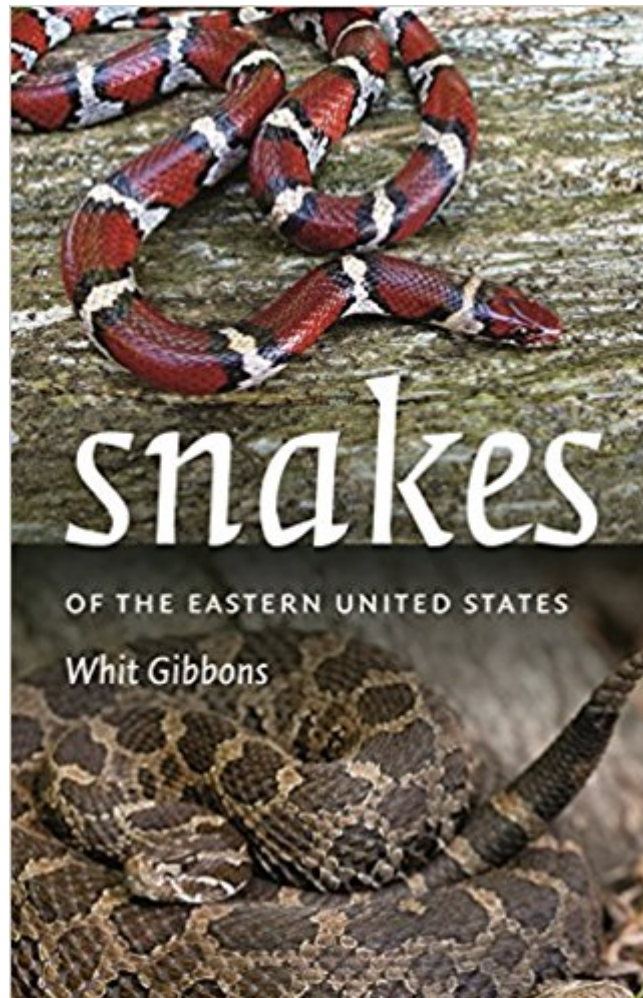




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Snakes Of The Eastern United States



Synopsis

More than sixty species of snakes are found in the eastern United States, the region of highest biodiversity of all reptiles and amphibians in North America. In this brand new guide, stunning photographs, colorful geographic range maps, and comprehensive written accounts provide essential information about each species including detailed identification characteristics, general ecology and behavior, and conservation status. Carefully researched and written by an expert herpetologist, the guide is directed toward a general audience interested in natural history. Additional information supports the already fact-filled snake species profiles. A chapter on urban and suburban snake ecology focuses on species most commonly found in some of the country's largest cities and residential settings. A chapter on snake conservation includes information on threats faced by native species in many regions of the eastern United States. Another chapter provides the latest updates on the status of invasive species of pythons and boa constrictors that have now become naturalized permanent residents in certain areas of the country. This is the most accessible and informative guide to snakes of the eastern United States available anywhere.

Features: More than 385 stunning color photographs
Colorful geographic range maps
Species accounts that cover identification, general ecology and behavior, and conservation status
Extra information on snakes in urban and suburban areas
Strong conservation message, with a focus on environmental threats to native species
Coverage of invasive snakes
Covers snakes in these states (plus Washington, DC): AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI.

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"I have always enjoyed learning about snakes and found this book to be the best source I have seen to continue doing so. Great job with awesome illustrations." --Jeff Corwin, Animal Planet

"Our planet is home to an amazing number of life forms. Every niche, every opportunity for life to exist, becomes filled. All animals are consumers, from microbes to elephants, including snakes, which are highly specialized predators. All are here on earth today because their consumption has been sustainable. Documenting and describing the habits of eastern snakes, both native species and introduced exotics, is an important contribution to the knowledge of our surroundings as we have become the custodians of all living creatures. Being aware that all life on the planet is intertwined, no matter how it appears or what it does to survive, is an important step in accepting our stewardship responsibilities. Snakes of the Eastern United States is extraordinarily informative about snake biology, and impresses on the reader that snakes are an integral part of the natural world we share with them. This book will go far toward educating the public and encouraging everyone to respect these intriguing creatures." --Jim Fowler, Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom

"In 1910, Teddy Roosevelt proclaimed We need a literature of science which shall be readable. In today's age of instant gratification, we also need a literature of science that is enjoyable, and with Snakes of the Eastern United States fulfills this goal. To conserve snakes, a shunned group at best, they must be understood; that once they are understood they will be appreciated; and that once they are appreciated, they will be conserved. Books such as this are critical, because they form the foundation of today's bottom-up, grassroots conservation efforts." Michael J. Lannoo, Indiana University School of Medicine

"With excellent identification guidance, exceptional range maps, and stunning photographs that capture habitat and behavior as well as the species, Snakes of the Eastern United States is sure to become a trusted reference for the exploring naturalist. Snakes have fascinated me since boyhood, and I wish this book had been available then. I'm glad it is now." Hank Paulson, 74th United States Secretary of the Treasury and Chairman, The Paulson Institute

"This superbly illustrated and authoritative volume takes us on a detailed yet easily understandable tour through the magnificent snakes of the eastern USA. If you want to learn about snake biology, recognize the snake that just appeared in your back yard, or simply glory in the beauty of these spectacular animals, then this is the book for you." --Rick Shine, University of Sydney

The first new guide of its kind in more than a decade

Excellent book for someone like me, who is not a biologist, but a snake enthusiast and a volunteer at a zoo. The illustrations are beautiful and the information well organized and clear.

Well detailed and photo's clear. Good reference material

This is a difficult review to write because there is so much good to say about this book and I'm afraid I might miss something. It starts with the sewn binding, heavy paper and quality printing that is the framework for a well written book with beautiful photos and large, easy to understand range maps. There is no doubt that the author, a renown herpetologist, knows his stuff. That he is able to communicate that knowledge about so many species in a way that almost anyone can understand and learn from is a decided plus. This book is a little heavy to be a comfortably carried field guide (then again it will fit in a backpack), but it certainly has a place in any reference library and is so beautiful that it can hold its own as a coffee table book. It is highly readable and can be read straight through as well as being used as a reference work. Just browsing, reading snippets, and looking at the pictures offers plenty of interesting content. In fact, I initially approached it like that before settling in for a cover to cover read. This book is especially relevant to those of use who live or travel in the states that it covers, but if you are at all interested in snakes then this book still has plenty to offer. If you want to know how and where the included species of snakes live, what they eat, how they behave, what their place is in the world, and even how they got their names, this book will probably delight you as much as it does me.

Excellent informative book as usual! Contains more snakes than his other book on just the Southeast snakes, but it's a great reference book.

This is an amazing book, great detail and photos. I know a great deal about our snakes from Namibia but wanted to learn as much as possible about the ones here in the southeast of the US. Would most certainly recommend it to anybody who is serious about identifying snakes!

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