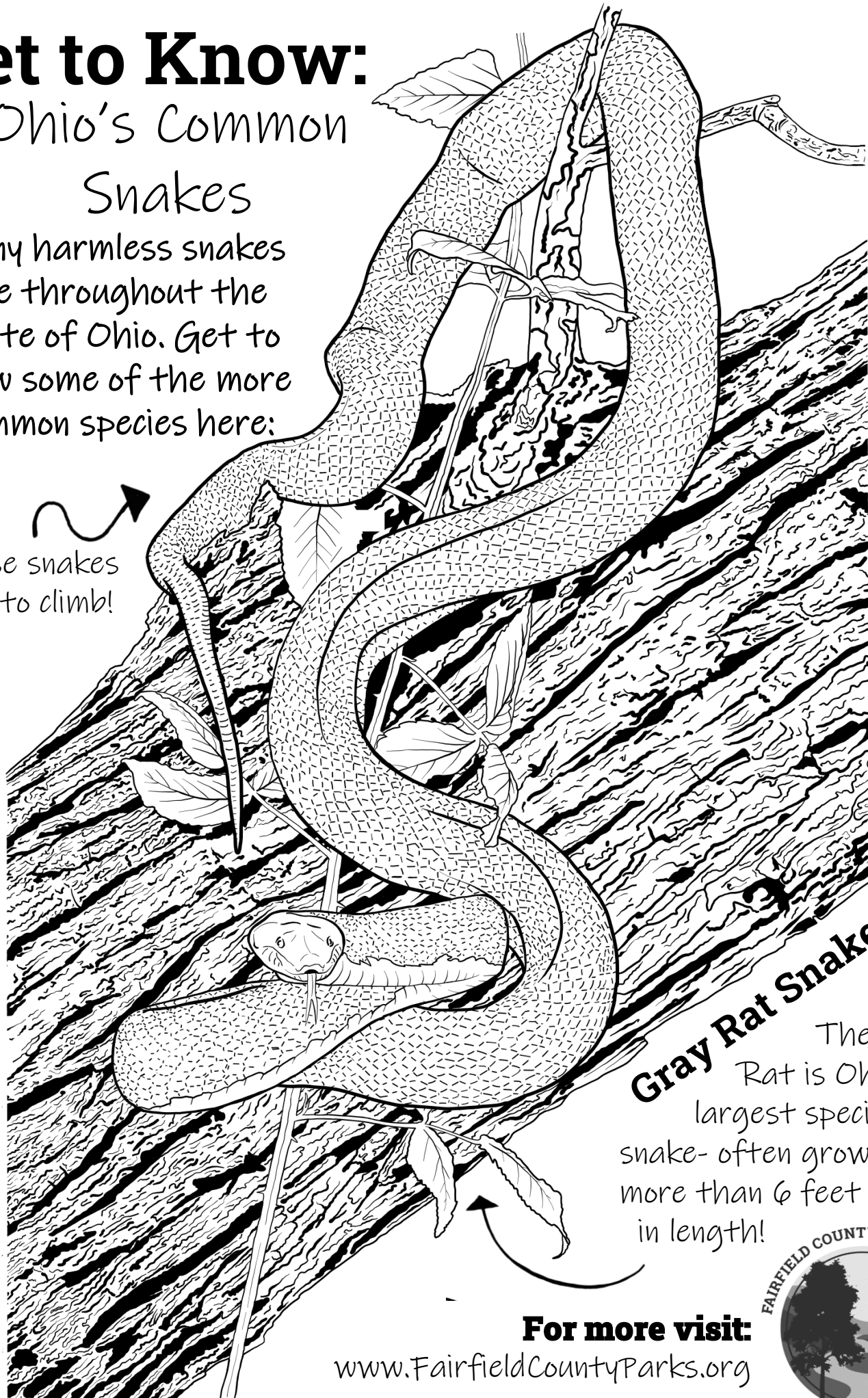


Get to Know:

Ohio's Common Snakes

Many harmless snakes live throughout the state of Ohio. Get to know some of the more common species here:

These snakes love to climb!



Gray Rat Snake

The Gray Rat is Ohio's largest species of snake- often growing more than 6 feet in length!

For more visit:
www.FairfieldCountyParks.org

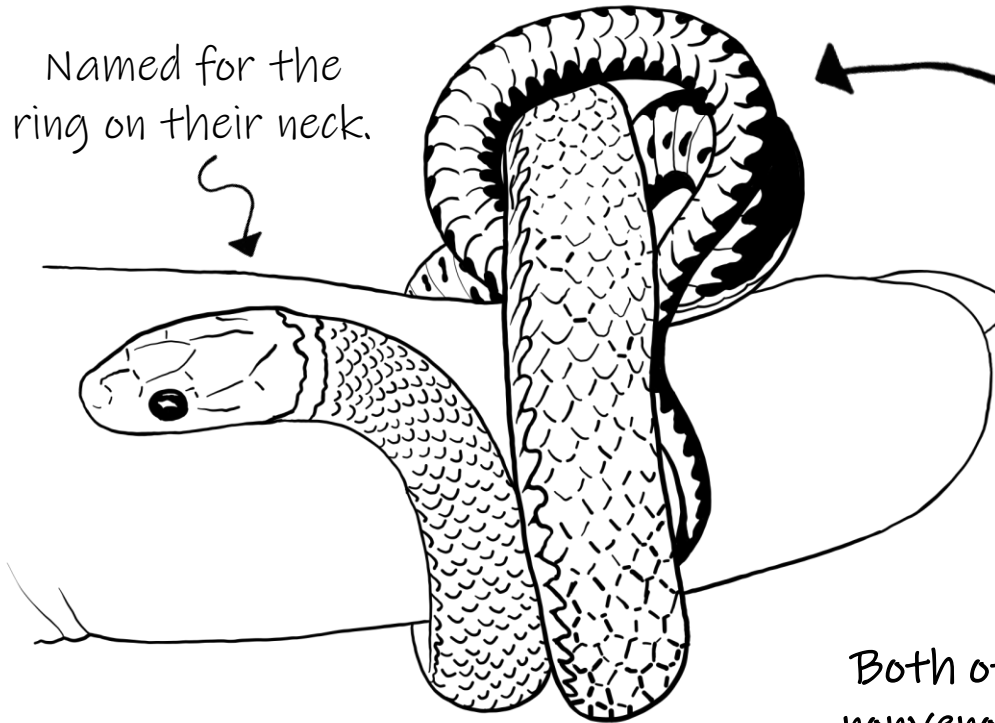


Ohio's Common Snakes



Ring-necked Snake

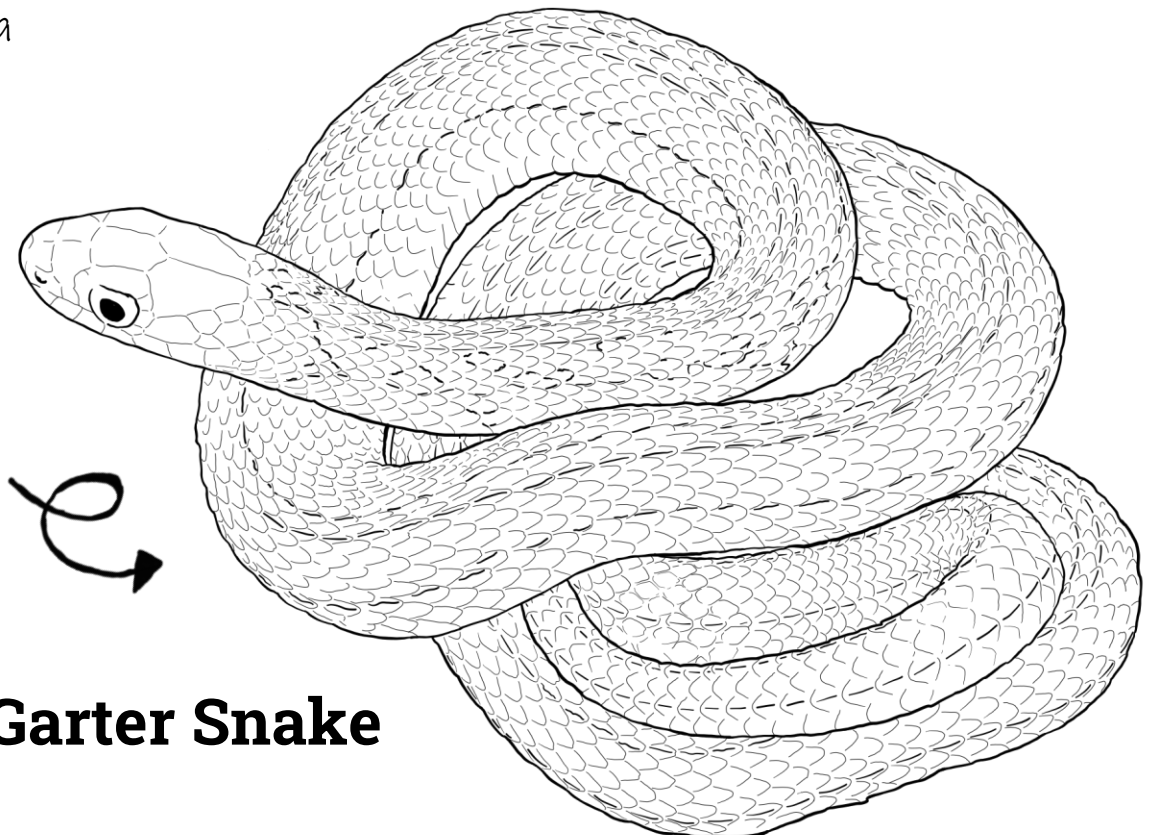
Named for the ring on their neck.



These snakes are tiny, typically between 6-10 inches long!

Both of these snakes are nonvenomous and harmless to humans!

Often miscalled a "garden snake." This reptile is named for its bold stripes, which resemble the garter used to hold up one's socks.

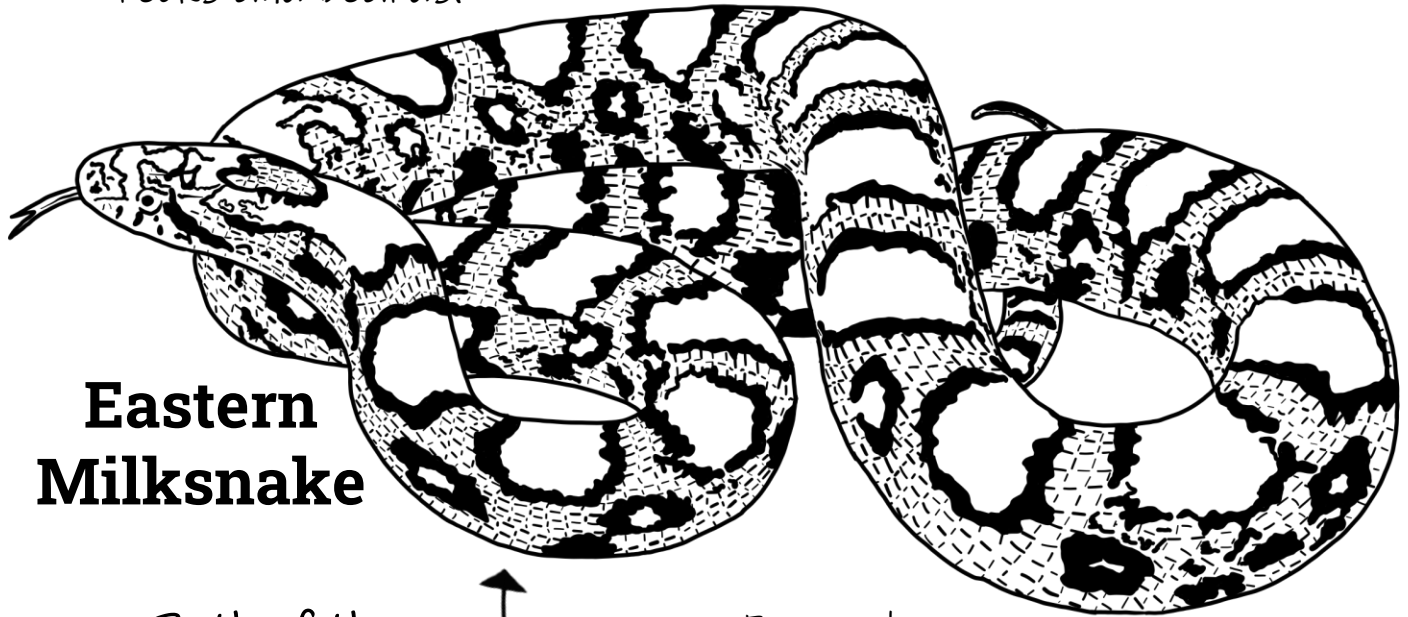


Garter Snake

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This is a secretive snake,
often found beneath logs,
rocks and boards.

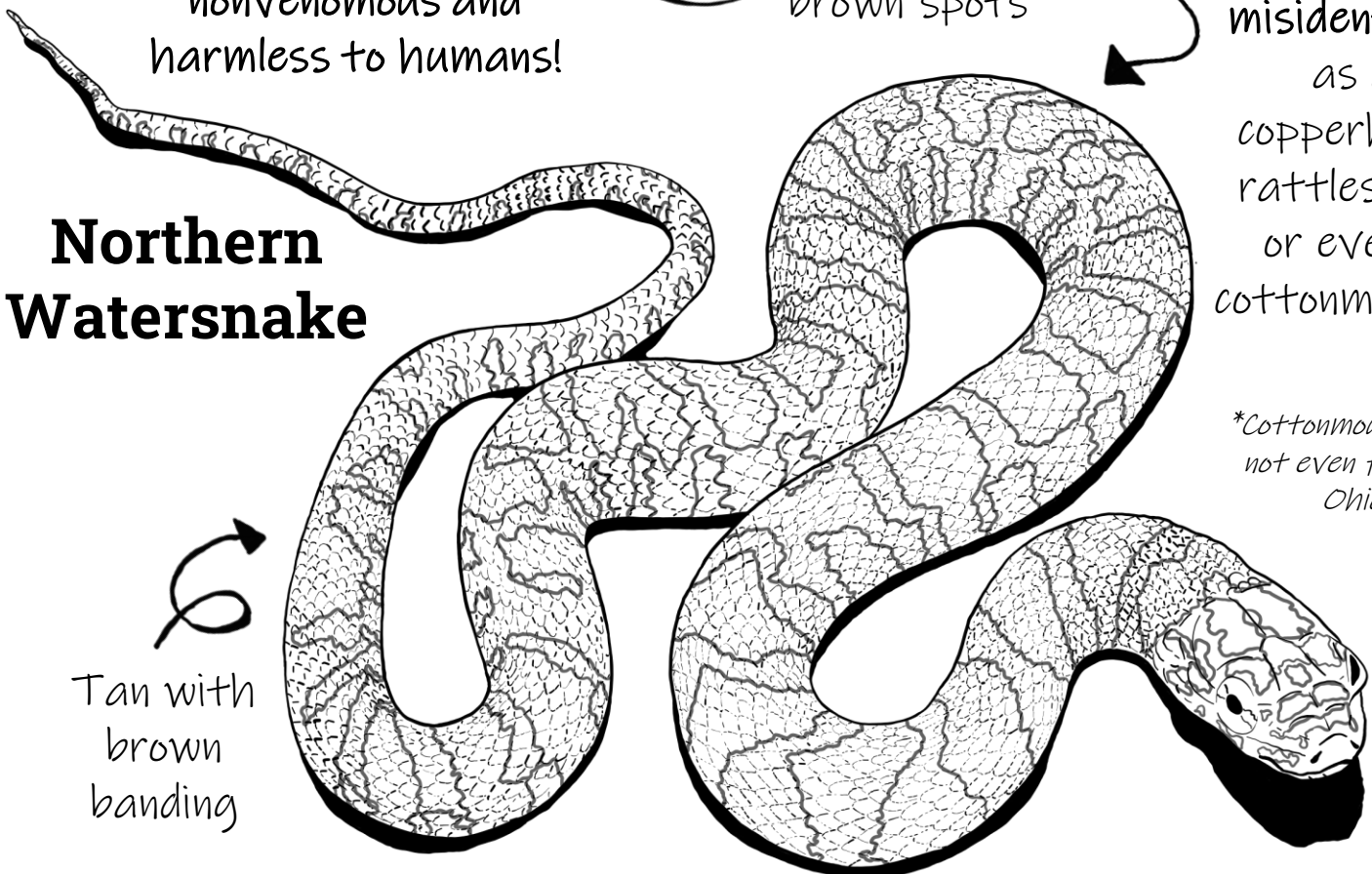


**Eastern
Milkshake**

Both of these
snakes are
nonvenomous and
harmless to humans!

Tan and gray
with reddish-
brown spots

Often
misidentified
as a
copperhead,
rattlesnake
or even a
cottonmouth*!



**Northern
Watersnake**

Tan with
brown
banding

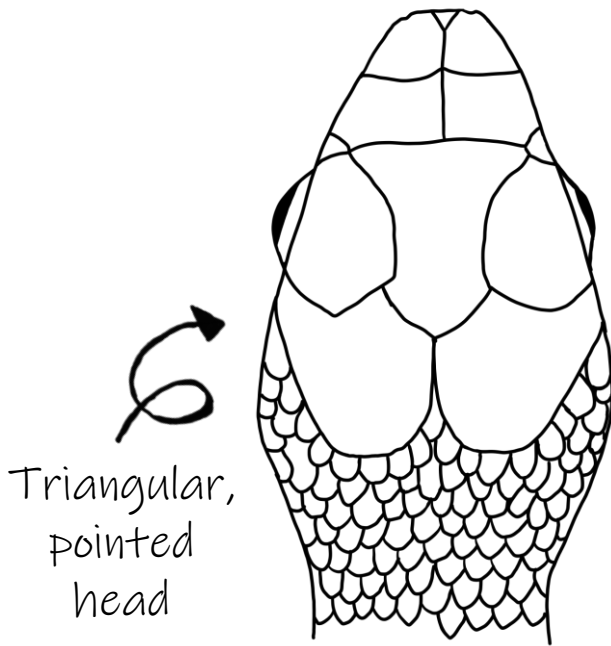
*Cottonmouths are
not even found in
Ohio!

Ohio's Snakes- *Venomous or Not?*



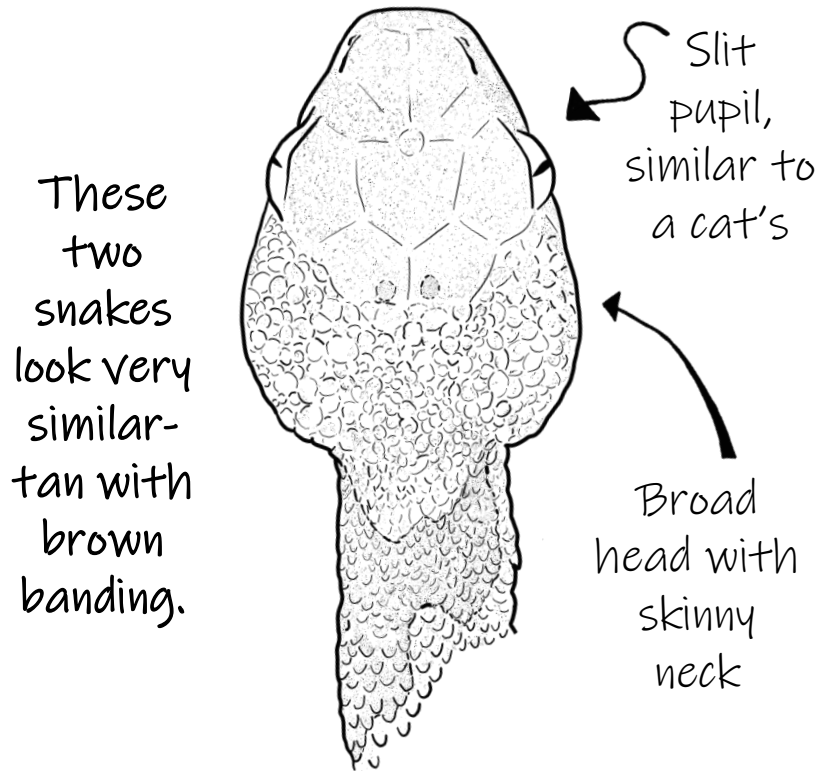
There are only three venomous snakes that call Ohio home- the Northern Copperhead, the Eastern Timber Rattlesnake and the Eastern Massasauga. All are considered uncommon to rare throughout the state.

Here are a few simple ways to tell the difference between Ohio's venomous and nonvenomous snakes:



Triangular, pointed head

Non-venomous
(Northern Watersnake)

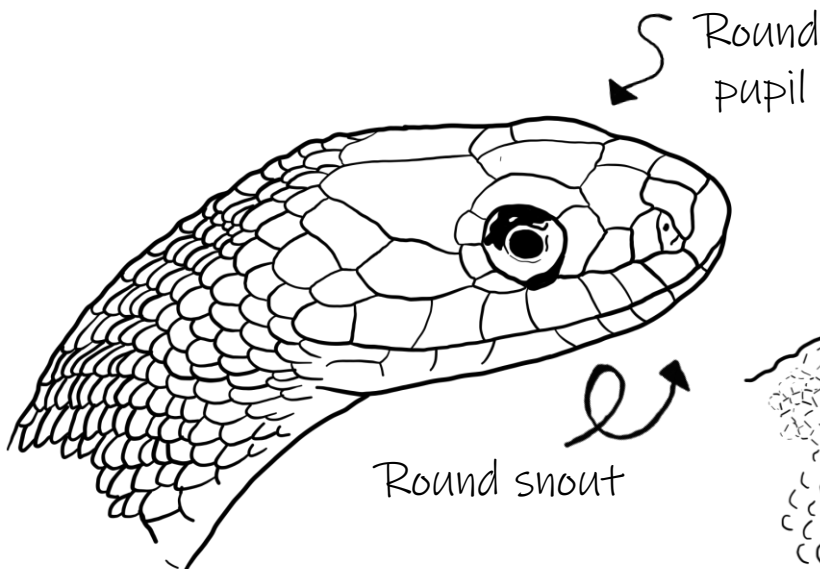


These two snakes look very similar- tan with brown banding.

Slit pupil, similar to a cat's

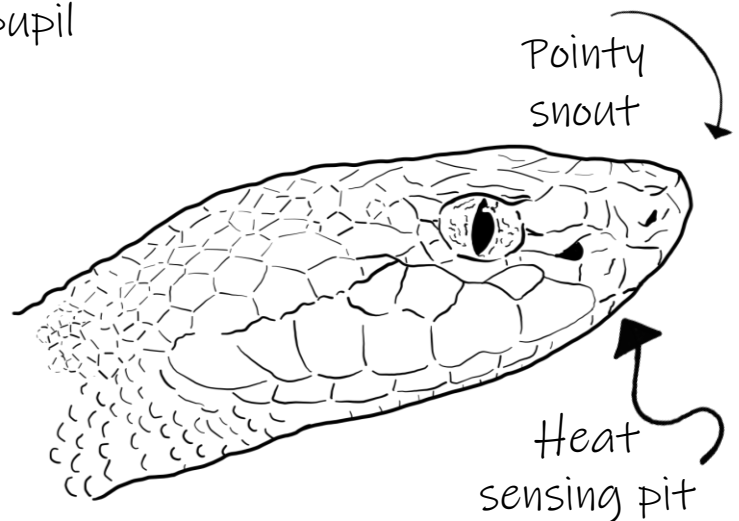
Broad head with skinny neck

Venomous
(Northern Copperhead)



Round pupil

Round snout



Pointy snout

Heat sensing pit