

# NATIVE SNAKE QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

(Species Similar to Invasive Snakes of Concern)

COMMON NAME	HEAD MARKINGS	BODY PATTERN	CHARACTERISTICS
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## LARGE NATIVE SNAKES

### Eastern Indigo

Rarely Encountered

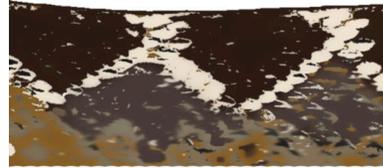


Can grow to 8 ft.  
Head: reddish marks on chin  
Body: iridescent blue-black with no markings

### Eastern Diamond-backed Rattlesnake

Occasionally Encountered Throughout Florida

**VENOMOUS**



Can grow to 6-8 ft.  
Head: dark eystripe with cream borders, vertical pupil  
Body: dark diamonds with cream borders

## AQUATIC NATIVE SNAKES

### Cottonmouth Water Moccasin

Common Throughout Florida

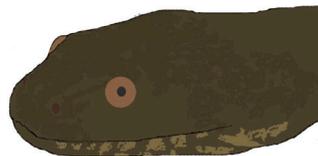
**VENOMOUS**



Usually 2-4 ft.  
Head: dark eystripe, vertical pupil  
Body: blotched bands; older individuals may be solid black

### Brown Watersnake

Common Throughout Florida

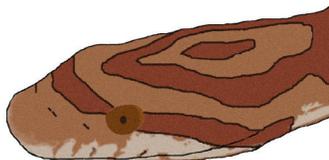


Usually 2-4 ft.  
Head: top unmarked, yellow flecks on chin  
Body: squarish dark blotches in a "checker board" pattern

## OTHER BLOTCHED NATIVE SNAKES

### Cornsnake or Red Ratsnake

Common Throughout Florida



Usually 2-3 ft.  
Head: reddish arrowhead  
Body: reddish blotches with dark outlines, checkerboard pattern on belly

# LARGE CONSTRICTOR QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

COMMON NAME	HEAD MARKINGS	BODY PATTERN	CHARACTERISTICS
<b>PYTHONS</b>			
<b>Burmese</b> Established and spreading			Can grow to 12 ft. or longer Head: dark arrowhead, light center line, dark and light wedges under eyes Body: Giraffe spots; dark blotches not connected
<b>African</b> Established and spreading			Can grow to 12 ft. or longer Head: dark arrowhead, light center line, dark and light wedges under eyes Body: irregular dark blotches; blotches on back connected
<b>Reticulated</b> Individual sightings, not established			Can grow to 12 ft. or longer Head: light-colored, dark center line, thin dark eye stripe, reddish eyes Body: dark net-like pattern
<b>Ball</b> Not established - common in pet trade			Usually 4 ft. or shorter Head: dark arrowhead, tan facial bands Body: rounded tan blotches on dark background
<b>ANACONDAS</b>			
<b>Green</b> Individual sightings, not established			Can grow to 12 ft. or longer Head: top unmarked, obvious paired light and dark eye stripes Body: large, round black spots on greenish body; spots on lower sides have orange centers
<b>Yellow</b> Individual sightings, not established			Can grow to 12 ft. or longer Head: five dark, lengthwise stripes on yellowish head Body: dark blotches on yellow back, smaller blotches on sides
<b>OTHER CONSTRICTORS</b>			
<b>Common Boa</b> One established population in Miami-Dade Co.		BODY (behind tail)  TAIL (in front)	Usually much shorter than 10 ft. Head: light-colored, dark center line, bold dark eye stripe Body: large, tan ovals on back become bands toward tail (tail pattern shown below body)