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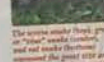

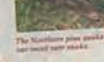
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Snakes of Arnold Air Force Base

Twenty species of snakes are known to occur at Arnold Air Force Base (AFB). They come in a variety of interesting and beautiful colors and in sizes ranging from the seven and a half inch long worm snake, to the two-foot green or "vine" snake, to the six-foot rat snake. Most are harmless and beneficial to people. Many snakes eat pests like insects or mice and kingsnakes even eat venomous snakes. However, it is wise to keep a safe distance if you are not absolutely confident in your ability to identify them.

Species of Snake	Length (inches)
Smooth Earth Snake	1-15
Shovel-nosed Snake	3-12
Red-backed Snake	8-12
Red-tailed Snake	10-15
Black-headed Snake	12-18
Spotted Snake	15-20
Eastern Hognose Snake	18-25
Eastern Garter Snake	20-30
King Snake	25-35
Common Kingsnake	30-45
Black Kingsnake	35-45
Black Racer	40-60
Northern Pig Spleen	45-60
Black Rat Snake	50-75

The copperhead is the only venomous snake found at AAFB. One of our most beautiful snakes, it is easily identified by its copper-colored head, red lips, pupils, brownish body, and yellowish tail. The term "pit viper" refers to the group of vipers that have heat-sensing pits, copperheads, rattlesnakes, and timber rattlesnakes, as well as pit vipers. The copperhead lives in a variety of habitats, and will take cover under stones, logs, brush, and other debris. Copperheads remain active throughout the summer months. The bite can be harmful, causing tissue damage and severe pain, but fatalities are rare. Immediate first aid procedures should be sought in the event of a bite. The copperhead lives in rocks and a variety of other habitats and environments. It averages 24-30 inches in length. It is usually active between dusk and dawn.

The water snake will often flatten its head to make itself look broader and more menacing. Many of our harmless and beneficial snakes are killed because they are misidentified as a copperhead or other venomous snake. A responsible species that does not occur in our area, the water snake, is sometimes found in our area. Please do not handle it, and please do not feed it.

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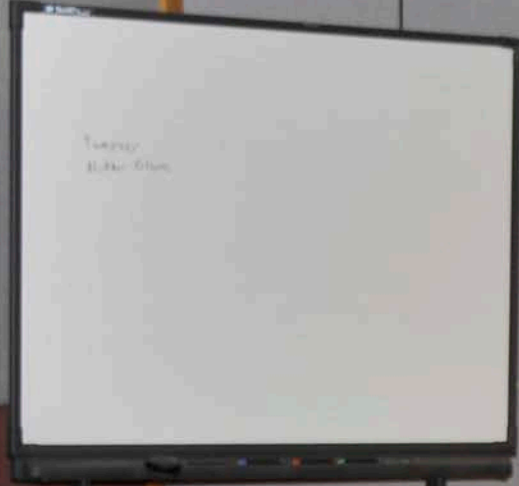
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Species	Common Name	Length	Weight	Color	Pattern	Behavior
1. Eastern Hognose Snake	Hognose	2-3 ft	1-2 lbs	Black, yellow, and red	Dark bands with light spots	Known for its ability to play dead
2. Black Racer	Racer	3-4 ft	1-2 lbs	Black	Dark with light spots	Fast-moving and highly venomous
3. Eastern Copperhead	Copperhead	3-4 ft	1-2 lbs	Reddish-brown	Dark bands with light spots	Highly venomous and aggressive
4. Timber Rattlesnake	Rattlesnake	3-4 ft	1-2 lbs	Black and yellow	Dark bands with light spots	Highly venomous and aggressive
5. Eastern Diamondback	Diamondback	3-4 ft	1-2 lbs	Black and yellow	Dark bands with light spots	Highly venomous and aggressive
6. Eastern Gopher Snake	Gopher Snake	3-4 ft	1-2 lbs	Black and yellow	Dark bands with light spots	Highly venomous and aggressive
7. Eastern Water Moccasin	Water Moccasin	3-4 ft	1-2 lbs	Black and yellow	Dark bands with light spots	Highly venomous and aggressive
8. Eastern Milk Snake	Milk Snake	3-4 ft	1-2 lbs	Black, yellow, and red	Dark bands with light spots	Non-venomous and docile
9. Eastern Scorpion Snake	Scorpion Snake	3-4 ft	1-2 lbs	Black and yellow	Dark bands with light spots	Highly venomous and aggressive
10. Eastern Sand Snake	Sand Snake	3-4 ft	1-2 lbs	Black and yellow	Dark bands with light spots	Highly venomous and aggressive
11. Eastern Fox Snake	Fox Snake	3-4 ft	1-2 lbs	Black and yellow	Dark bands with light spots	Highly venomous and aggressive
12. Eastern Yellow Snake	Yellow Snake	3-4 ft	1-2 lbs	Yellow and black	Dark bands with light spots	Highly venomous and aggressive
13. Eastern Green Snake	Green Snake	3-4 ft	1-2 lbs	Green and black	Dark bands with light spots	Highly venomous and aggressive
14. Eastern Blue Snake	Blue Snake	3-4 ft	1-2 lbs	Blue and black	Dark bands with light spots	Highly venomous and aggressive
15. Eastern Brown Snake	Brown Snake	3-4 ft	1-2 lbs	Brown and black	Dark bands with light spots	Highly venomous and aggressive
16. Eastern Red Snake	Red Snake	3-4 ft	1-2 lbs	Red and black	Dark bands with light spots	Highly venomous and aggressive
17. Eastern Orange Snake	Orange Snake	3-4 ft	1-2 lbs	Orange and black	Dark bands with light spots	Highly venomous and aggressive
18. Eastern Purple Snake	Purple Snake	3-4 ft	1-2 lbs	Purple and black	Dark bands with light spots	Highly venomous and aggressive
19. Eastern Grey Snake	Grey Snake	3-4 ft	1-2 lbs	Grey and black	Dark bands with light spots	Highly venomous and aggressive
20. Eastern White Snake	White Snake	3-4 ft	1-2 lbs	White and black	Dark bands with light spots	Highly venomous and aggressive

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Snakes known to occur on AAEB in order of increasing length.

Species of Snake	Length (Inches)
Smooth Earth Snake	7 - 10
Worm Snake	7 1/2 - 11
Red-bellied Snake	8 - 10
Southeastern Crowned Snake	8 - 10
Northern Brown Snake	9 - 13
Ring-necked Snake	10 - 15
Scarlet Snake	14 - 20
Eastern Ribbon Snake	18 - 26
Eastern Garter Snake	18 - 26
Eastern Hognose Snake	20 - 33
Rough Green Snake	22 - 32
Copperhead	24 - 36
Northern Water Snake	24 - 42
Prairie Kingsnake	30 - 42
Corn Snake	30 - 48
Yellowbelly Water Snake	30 - 48
Black Kingsnake	36 - 45
Black Racer	36 - 60
Northern Pine Snake	48 - 66
Black Rat Snake	42 - 72

The copperhead is the only venomous snake in the state. It is easily identified by the dark hourglass shape on its head and the heat sensing pit between its eyes. It is a member of the group of vipers that have two rows of sharp teeth and will take cover under rocks, logs, and other debris. Copperheads affect the circulatory system, causing tissue damage and are very rare. Immediate medical attention is required in the event of a bite. The copperhead is 24 - 36 inches in length.



The copperhead is a favorite of a copperhead.

The Northern pine snake is the rarest snake at AAEB. It is listed as a threatened species in Tennessee. The pine snake is large-bodied, typically growing up to five feet and a half feet long (the record is seven feet). On AAEB, its yellow-brown body with irregular black blotches easily identifies the pine snake. While coloration may vary across this species' range, it can always be identified by the slightly upturned scale on its snout that aids it in digging burrows.

The pine snake is not venomous, but if threatened, the snake will coil, fill its lungs with air, and make a loud, blood-curdling hissing sound while shaking its tail like a rattlesnake. This behavior may scare away predators such as skunks or foxes, but usually scares people. Little is known about the habits of and habitats used by this snake, but it spends much of its time underground in burrows.

The rat snake, will shake its body and are easily mistaken for a kingsnake can be found in the Cumberland Plateau and...



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