



Winner: These breeding **Pacific Gopher Snakes (*Pituophis catenifer catenifer*)**, photographed by **Jim Coleman**, are a welcome resident of many gardens along the west coast of North America. The non-venomous constrictors serve the important function of consuming small rodents, and while they can hiss loudly when threatened, they are generally good natured.



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Runner-up: Western Hog-nosed Snakes (*Heterodon nasicus*) use their specialized nose to burrow through sandy soils in search of prey. Photo by **Danny Martin**, taken on the Pawnee National Grasslands, Colorado.



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**Year of the Snake
Photo Contest Calendar**

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Sun 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Chinese New Year: The Year of the Snake begins!	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Presidents Day (US) Family Day (Canada)	19	20	21	22	23
					Southeast PARC Annual Meeting, Hickory Knob State Park, McCormick, SC	
24	25	26	27	28		

Orianna Society at Southeast Wildlife Expo, Charleston, SC

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