



Winner: Ring-necked Snakes (*Diadophis punctatus*) are beautiful little snakes that range from Mexico to Quebec in eastern North America and northward through the Pacific coast states of the US. California photographer **Kyle Keegan** captured the species' tail-coiling behavior and brilliant coloring. Look for these secretive snakes under cover objects like logs, rocks, bark, boards, and leaves, but please be careful to replace the cover just as it was so that you don't destroy their hiding place.

Year of the Snake
Photo Contest Calendar



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Runner-up: Photographer **Don Lyman** writes—Large snakes like **Black Racers (*Coluber constrictor*)** are increasingly uncommon in urban-suburban areas because of habitat destruction, hazards such as automobiles, and outright persecution. This 4-ft black racer was found in the Blue Hills [Milton, MA], a heavily used state park within sight of the Boston skyline. The fact that these snakes are still found in a park surrounded by urban habitat suggests that protected areas can still provide refuge for these species.

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