



Winner: Sonoran Mountain Kingsnakes (*Lampropeltis pyromelana*) occur in Utah, eastern Nevada, Arizona, southwestern New Mexico and into Mexico primarily in montane rocky areas, usually near mountain streams or springs, but also down into mesic canyons. This species is listed as a Species of Greatest Conservation Need in the State Wildlife Action Plans of all four US states in which it resides, which encourages conservation actions to help conserve these beautiful snakes. Photo by **J.D. Willson**.



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Runner-up: The Mountain Earthsnake (*Virginia valeriae pulchra*) can be found only in the Allegheny Mountains of Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia, with about 80% of its global range in PA, where this photo was taken by **Charlie Eichelberger**. We know little about the conservation status of this overlooked species, which is typically found under smaller rocks on sunny exposed slopes.

March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Year of the Snake Photo Contest Calendar						1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Claxton (GA) Rattlesnake & Wildlife 9 & 10 Festival →	
*Reptile Rampage, Wildlife Dis- covery Center, Lake Forest, IL	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Box Turtle Conservation Work- shop, Asheboro, NC	
24	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday (Canada)	30 Georgia Reptile Experience, Macon, GA	
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*For details, see www.cityoflakeforest.com/cs/rec/cs_rec2i21.htm							