



Winner: The **Colorado Desert Sidewinder (*Crotalus cerastes laterorepens*)** has two pointed and upturned supraocular scales above its eyes that form a hornlike structure, giving this venomous species a look unique to any North American snake. This has led to local appellations such as “horned rattler”. Its name does not derive from it inhabiting the state of Colorado, as it does not occur there; rather, it is found in the “Colorado Desert” from southeastern California and southwestern Arizona, south in Mexico to Baja California and Sonora. This somewhat mysterious photograph was taken by **Joshua Pierce**.



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Runner-up: The Mangrove Saltmarsh Snake (*Nerodia clarkii compressicauda*) is found in mangrove swamps, salt marshes and estuaries of Florida's lower coasts and the northern coast of Cuba. It primarily occurs in brackish and salt water, though occasionally ventures into freshwater. This watersnake feeds mainly on small fish, though will take small crabs, frogs and toads. Its populations have declined in many areas due to coastal development and associated impacts. This compelling photo was taken by **Mike Martin**.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Year of the Snake Photo Contest Calendar						1	2
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Veterans Day (US) Remembrance Day (Canada)		Most snake species in the northern U.S. are in hibernation by this time.					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
				Thanksgiving (US)			