Why Snakes Are Important

- Snakes play an important role in the ecosystems they inhabit both as predator and prey
- Many snakes feed on rodents, insects, and spiders keeping “pest” populations in check
- Snake venom is medicinally useful in synthesizing various drugs
- Many snakes are an important food source for a variety of mammals, birds, fish, and other reptiles
- Snakes can serve as indicator species which allow researchers to assess the productivity and stability of a particular ecosystem

Threats to Snake Populations

- Habitat destruction and fragmentation
- Road mortality
- Disease and Pollution
- Invasive species
- Illegal wild harvesting
- Intentional human inflicted mortality

Support Conservation

- All snakes are good snakes and pose no threat to humans when left un-harassed
- Even venomous snakes are vitally important members of their ecosystems and prefer to avoid humans
- Snakes are commonly feared, misunderstood, and misidentified
- Many non-venomous snakes meet unfortunate ends at the hands of humans due to misidentification

Do your part to help conserve these amazing creatures by donating to organizations such as: