2013 YEAR of the Snake

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Venomous vs. Nonvenomous

1. Head distinctly triangular, when viewed from above.
2. Pupils elliptical.
3. Pits as well as nostrils present.
4. Undivided scales on underside of tail.
5. Except for the copperhead, tail ends in a rattle.

1. Head usually oval, when viewed from above, but may be somewhat triangular.
2. Pupils round.
3. No pits – only nostrils present.
4. Divided scales on underside of tail.
5. Although many snakes vibrate their tail when upset, nonpoisonous snakes never have rattles.
Movement (snakes can swim, crawl, climb)
Lake Erie Watersnake
Recovery Plan
(Nerodia sipedon insularum)

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What can you do?

- Don’t collect snakes from the wild
- Report your snake observations to a Natural Heritage Program
- Work to create or protect snake habitats in your neighborhood
- Educate yourself and spread the word!

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