

## Snakes

Many species of snakes have been found in our area, only two of which are venomous and considered to be dangerous to people or pets: The Northern Copperhead and Timber Rattlesnake. Many people often misidentify juvenile Black Rat Snakes, juvenile Black Racers, Eastern Hog Nose Snakes, Common Water Snakes, and Red Corn Snakes as being a venomous species.

As a defensive action snakes will often puff up to look bigger, hiss, or vibrate their tails on the ground (making an audible noise) as a warning if a person or animal is getting too close or if they feel threatened. Please remember that snakes are a vital part of our ecosystem. They help to keep rodent and insect populations under control. Do not approach or attempt to handle snakes. It is best to use caution.

