

Eastern Milk Snake

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(Lampropeltis triangulum triangulum)

Identification: 24" - 52". The Eastern Milk Snake has a gray to tan ground color, with brown or reddish-brown blotches outlined in black on the back and sides; the blotches on the back are larger than the blotches on the sides. The Milk Snake usually has a light, Y-shaped or V-shaped patch on the nape of its neck, but this marking is variable. The underside is marked with alternating black squares on white. Scales are smooth; anal plate is single.

Where to find them: Found in a broad range of habitats, including fields, wooded areas, riverbanks, and rocky hillsides, usually hiding under debris. It may be found in barns or other buildings which house rodents, the favored prey.

When to find them: Active April through September.

Range: Entire state.

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Key Features

- Y- or V-shaped pattern on back of head.
- Brown or reddish-brown blotches outlined in black.
- Scales smooth.



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