

# Eastern Worm Snake

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**Identification:** 7 1/2" - 14 3/4". The Eastern Worm Snake looks very much like a large earthworm. It has a very round body (typical of snakes that spend time burrowing), and a pointy head and tail. Ground color is a dull brown. The underside and the first one or two rows of scales on the lower sides are pink. Scales are smooth and opalescent; anal plate is divided.

**Where to find them:** Hides under rock or debris, in rotting logs, or burrows underground. It prefers moist ground. It goes underground in dry or cold weather.

**When to find them:** Active April through September.

**Range:** Entire state.

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### Key Features

- Small snake colored like an earthworm; plain brown above and pink below.
- Head pointed.
- Scales smooth.



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