Northern Redbelly Snake

Identification: 8” - 16”. Ground color is brown, gray or black, with a red, unmarked underside. The markings in this snake are highly variable. The back may have four or five faint narrow dark stripes or a single light stripe. There are usually three pale spots on the neck just behind the head; these nape spots are occasionally fused. The belly is usually red, but may be yellow, orange, or rarely, black. Scales are keeled, 15 rows; anal plate is divided.

Where to find them: A shy species that prefers wooded areas and bogs.

When to find them: Active April through September.

Range: Entire state.

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Key Features
- Black on sides and back of head.
- Plain red belly.
- Scales keeled.