

Northern Ringneck Snake

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(Diadophis punctatus edwardsii)

Identification: 10" - 30". Ground color is black, dark gray or brown, with a yellow ring around the neck. The underside is yellow; it may have a few small black dots along the midline of its otherwise unmarked belly. Scales are smooth; anal plate is divided. The smooth scales of the Northern Ringneck Snake distinguish it from the young Northern Brown Snake.

Where to find them: Found in woodland areas, typically hiding beneath logs, bark slabs, stones, or even trash. If found in more open areas, these areas are often former woodlands.

When to find them: Active April through September.

Range: Entire state.

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Key Features

- Small, slender, and dark with a complete yellow ring around neck.
- Belly yellow with an occasional row of black dots.
- Scales smooth.



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