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CALIFORNIA KINGSNAKE

Description: Glossy black or brown bodies with white or cream-colored bands.

Size: 36 - 48 inches long.

Venomous: No.

Diet: Other snakes (including rattlesnakes!), lizards, birds, and eggs.

Lifespan: 12 - 15 years in the wild.

Fun fact: When frightened or angry, they lift and twirl their tail to release a potent musk - similar to a skunk!



GARTER SNAKE

Description: Slender bodies with typically one or three longitudinal yellow to red stripes, between which are checkered blotches.

Size: 18 - 48 inches long.

Venomous: No.

Diet: Small mammals, amphibians, fish, reptiles, slugs, earthworms, birds, and birds eggs.

Lifespan: Up to 4 years in the wild.

Fun fact: Garter snakes are one of the few animals that can eat newts without being poisoned by their toxins!



NORTHERN PACIFIC RATTLESNAKE

Description: Triangular heads and chunky olive or tan bodies with many dark brown blotches surrounded by white.

Size: 15 - 48 inches long.

Venomous: Yes.

Diet: Small mammals, sometimes small birds and other reptiles.

Lifespan: 12 - 15 years in the wild.

Fun fact: Rattlesnake have unfused jawbones that can stretch and expand to swallow prey bigger than their heads.

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CALIFORNIA STRIPED RACER

Description: Thin, dark bodies with a pale yellow or cream colored solid stripe on each side. Long and thin "whip-like" tails.

Size: 30 - 48 inches long.

Venomous: No.

Diet: Other snakes (including rattlesnakes!), lizards, and small rodents.

Lifespan: Up to 8 years in the wild.

Fun fact: As a defense mechanism, striped racers (also known as whipsnakes) can whip their bodies quickly back and forth in a flurry of motion to escape.



GOPHER SNAKE

Description: Large bodies with splotchy dark markings on their backs and yellow or brown coloration, and rounded, large heads.

Size: 36 - 96 inches long.

Venomous: No.

Diet: Small mammals, birds, eggs.

Lifespan: 12 - 15 years in the wild.

Fun fact: Gopher snakes mimic rattlesnakes by coiling up and vibrating their tails and by pushing their chins on the ground to make their cheekbones stick out like a rattlesnake's.

CALIFORNIA MOUNTAIN KINGSNAKE



Description: Slender, smooth bodies that consist of repeating bands of red, black, and white.

Small, rounded heads.

Size: 24 - 32 inches long.

Venomous: No.

Diet: Lizards, birds, rodents, and other snakes.

Lifespan: 12 - 15 years in the wild.

Fun fact: These snakes have evolved to fend off predators by looking similar in coloration to venomous coral snakes.