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South Carolina State Parks

at 12:01:50 on 4/29/2021 UTC

Tis the season for sunbathing serpents! While Ranger Jim was out doing some filming at Table Rock State Park, he captured this guy sunning on a log. Northern water snakes are often seen basking along the water's edge on logs or limbs. These snakes are non-venomous and will make a quick escape upon a close approach. Keep your eyes open! You may spot one this spring or summer!

www.southcarolinaparks.com/table-rock



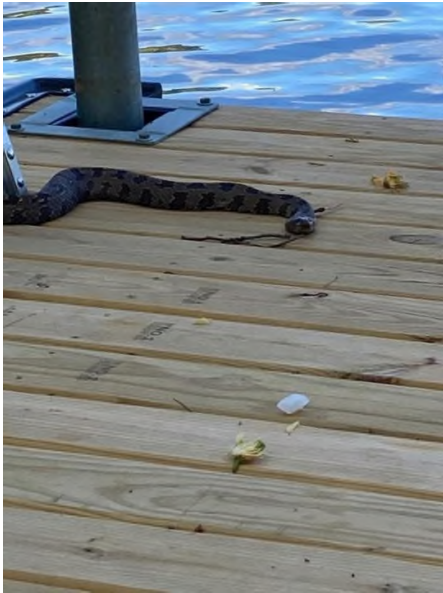
Wendi Lilly-Bare



at 12:09:08 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Wendi Lilly-Bare



at 12:09:48 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Susan Long Cash Yikes 😬

at 12:11:21 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Rachael Jones Luke Jones 🐍

at 12:12:32 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Michele Pettit Whitney Beautiful ☐

at 12:20:22 on 4/29/2021 UTC

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John Gorman This Northern water snake didn't make an exit. I nearly stepped on the little dude. I snapped a few pics and went around him. He looked comfy there in the sun. Also in this pic is showing the easiest way to positively identify them. The eyes are round. Venomous snakes in the upstate ALL have cat eyes. In fact that is true for all of North America. With only one exception....the Coral snake.



at 12:38:05 on 4/29/2021 UTC

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John Gorman These pics were 2 weeks ago near the Badcreek area of the Foothills Trail.



at 12:40:30 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Debbie Sheppard I would rather not see one this summer!

at 12:54:33 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Brett Ulrich Ironically a snake could be writing this post with a picture of me!!! I'll be making quick escape if they approach me!!

at 12:55:39 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Laura McGuinn Danny Baldwin

at 12:56:25 on 4/29/2021 UTC

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Candance Sperre John Gorman while the slit eye is true, venomous snake eyes can dilate and look round. Trying to ID a snake based on slit or round eyes is not a good way and can result in a bite. Best to learn to ID any venomous snakes in your state by different means. There are only a few in SC and easy to learn different ways to ID. Triangle shaped head is also a poor way to ID as all snakes can flatten their heads to mimic venomous snakes to deter predators.

at 12:58:01 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Carol N Bobby Owens Oooo, thats a whopper!

at 13:09:23 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Les Ulrich Brett Ulrich with you. I walk a mile out of my way to avoid a snake. Don't know how to ask them if they're poisonous or not.

at 13:16:19 on 4/29/2021 UTC

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John Gorman Candance Sperre you are wrong.

at 13:17:10 on 4/29/2021 UTC

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John Gorman Candance Sperre I've been handling venomous snakes for near 40 years. The cat eyes do NOT dilate to almost round ever. I've had them for pets and have observed them far more than most.

at 13:18:32 on 4/29/2021 UTC

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John Gorman Candance Sperre another fact for you. Let's make a list of venomous snakes in SC. Diamondback rattlesnake, Pygmy Rattlesnake, Timber Rattlesnake, Copperhead, not sure about Coral snakes on the coast but wouldn't surprise me. Anyway that is a bit more than "a few".

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Alent Bac I am impressed with the wonderful job well done, I took the risk to try \$900 and received a payment of \$12000. I believe you so much Allison Jessica

at 13:22:07 on 4/29/2021 UTC

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Alent Bac Debbie Sheppard I am impressed with the wonderful job well done, I took the risk to try \$900 and received a payment of \$12000. I believe her so much Allison Jessica

at 13:23:49 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Connie Bennett No thank you

at 13:24:59 on 4/29/2021 UTC

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Candance Sperre John Gorman everyone should do their own research but here are some pictures to show you. Relying on eye slits or shape of head is very poor ways to ID. SC also has the venomous cottonmouth. So only a handful of snakes since there are 38 different kinds of snakes in SC.



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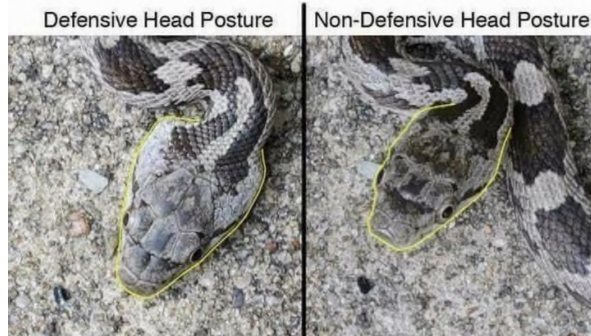
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Candance Sperre John Gorman

Head Shape

The two photos below are of the same juvenile eastern ratsnake. The left-side image depicts the snake with its head in a defensive posture. This makes the snake look larger and more formidable to potential predators. The right-side image shows the snake in a non-defensive posture with the head in its normal shape.



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Candance Sperre If you've been handling venomous snakes for nearly 40 yrs then you should be advocating for people not familiar with snakes to learn how to ID them in easier and more reliable ways, not eye and head shape.

at 13:29:35 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Linzi Walling Shane Walling

at 13:33:31 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Jennifer Hames Burgess Joy Gray. Ray Gray

at 13:35:35 on 4/29/2021 UTC

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Jessica Owens Schaufler John, actually you are incorrect. A cursory internet search will find you a picture of a Copperhead with dilated pupils which occurs in low light. It may not be the typical pupil shape, but it is unsafe to recommend a single trait as a means of identification as well as encouraging folks to get close enough to discern the difference. Being a snake advocate yourself, I'm sure you have experienced the public negativity surrounding these animals, so preventing bites as well as further stigma is important.

at 13:41:37 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Kristen Thompson Yeah, 🐍

at 13:44:35 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Andreina Morales I saw one in my yard in Easley

at 13:44:58 on 4/29/2021 UTC

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Jessica Owens Schaufler Thank you, Candance. It is unsafe to rely on one or two traits alone and better to encourage folks to study and learn the few venomous species we have. There is such a stigma with these animals, that the best we can do is to educate and therefore hopefully eliminate some of the fear.

at 13:46:58 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Pat Mathena Oglesby Looks like he had a big breakfast.

at 13:50:14 on 4/29/2021 UTC



David Neale Brett Ulrich you and Wendy Phelps Neale as I think she will be the one a mile in front of you

at 13:52:10 on 4/29/2021 UTC

Ben Young My problem is I am uncertain in it being non venomous. Ex not a Cottonmouth.



at 13:53:57 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Joy Gray Jennifer Hames Burgess oh Lort 😊

at 13:58:52 on 4/29/2021 UTC

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Wayne Carter John Gorman do we have water moccasins in the upstate. I thought the water was too cold for them

at 14:14:33 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Mark Price That is one robust looking snake

at 14:45:47 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Kathleen Martinez Elizabeth Lahar-Minor

at 15:07:39 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Melody Gray Ben Young truth! I just step away...quickly!

at 15:14:56 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Beth Hogan Not a snake but we saw this guy/girl at Barnwell few weeks ago...



at 15:41:16 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Lisa Gibbons Ben Young



at 15:49:53 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Karen DeVries I'm not getting close enough to see his pupils

at 15:57:35 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Danny Baldwin Laura McGuinn



at 16:01:46 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Lisa Gibbons Karen DeVries trust me I agree 😊 I think the flat top head with the ridge over their eyes and dark line eye bar on the cottonmouth are easier to see from a distance though

at 16:02:12 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Ellen Drew Big

at 16:03:41 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Courtney Cash Driggers Healthy guy! 😊

at 16:16:11 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Amanda Parris Jami Duncan

at 16:24:28 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Marianne Harbison Odom Karen DeVries Yeah, not getting that close. Either it'll bite me and it's venomous, or I run the other way to get my hoe or a shovel.

at 16:34:25 on 4/29/2021 UTC

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Candance Sperre Wayne Carter here is a range map for the cottonmouth/water moccasin.



at 17:40:20 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Jami Duncan Amanda Parris 2021 must be the year of the snakes, and I'm over it!

at 18:08:39 on 4/29/2021 UTC

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Wayne Carter Candance Sperre kinda looks like the Fall Line

at 18:14:34 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Wendi Church It's not a water snake, but my son catches non-venomous snakes for fun. 🐍♀️
He has caught many water snakes.



at 18:22:20 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Mike Persinger Mark Price "robust."

at 18:31:49 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Irene Holland Snakey McSnakerson. **shudder**

at 19:31:22 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Irene Holland Shovel, for sure.

at 19:34:15 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Karen DeVries Irene Holland lol

at 19:41:18 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Sharon C. Murray Vicki Murray

at 19:50:09 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Laura Tadlock Shuman Looks like it is digesting something
at 21:10:06 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Vicki Murray Sharon C. Murray i I haven't seen a snake in a long time and that's ok.
at 21:28:08 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Cathy Earl-Startare No thanks I will stay clear.
at 23:42:22 on 4/29/2021 UTC



Missy White Looks like he's got something in his belly too lol
at 0:27:10 on 4/30/2021 UTC

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John Gorman Candance Sperre wrong. If you don't know and you risk it. That bite is on you. I don't advocate for anything. Not my responsibility. Also I will NOT be be talked to by an amateur like yourself and told what I should be doing. Now go stick your nose back on Google. There is much more for you to learn.
at 1:49:37 on 4/30/2021 UTC

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John Gorman Wayne Carter No we don't. The map above shows that. Although there are many around that will tell you that I'm wrong. Copperhead and Timber Rattlesnake are the main 2 you have to worry about around the upstate. I'm told there are Pygmy Rattle snakes but I've never seen one here. They are pretty rare. I only saw two in my entire life growing up in Florida. If anyone ever sees a snake and not sure what it is. Show me if I'm around. I'll catch it for you to see it up close. Venomous or not. As I said above I don't advocate but I do highly recommend not attempting to handle any snake unless you know what it is and are prepared to be bitten. I've been bitten hundreds of times. Only because I don't handle non Venomous snakes the same way I do their dangerous friends. I don't mind being bitten and actually expect it. It scares you more than it hurts. Their teeth are small and very sharp. It actually feels more like a large papercut that itches. Again I do not recommend attempting to handle a venomous snake to anyone. I've been doing it since I was a kid. Yes I've had a few close calls. Especially with Timber Rattlers. Like Moccasins. They seem to have a bad attitude. Eastern Diamondbacks are actually mostly calm and laid back. They know they are dangerous and just don't seem as aggressive. Make no mistake though. They will bite you if you mess with them.
at 1:59:00 on 4/30/2021 UTC

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Emily Wilson Good morning
Opportunity comes and go, but opportunity will never wait for you, you have to always be prepared.
This is the ultimate condition succeed. 🙌
Some are still afraid to succeed
Ask me how??
at 9:15:08 on 4/30/2021 UTC



Mark Price Mike Persinger He big
at 9:45:56 on 4/30/2021 UTC



Barry T. Ulrich Brett Ulrich Why did you even post this? I had to sprint away from my computer and wait for Erem to scroll forward.
at 9:59:17 on 4/30/2021 UTC



Teresa Peters Powers Jami Duncan It's not over yet.
at 11:57:37 on 4/30/2021 UTC



Beverly Thompson The shape of the head said different.....V
at 14:38:55 on 4/30/2021 UTC

Gina Tarbell Yikes! Jaci Mercadante



at 16:41:30 on 4/30/2021 UTC



Jaci Mercadante Gina Tarbell I'm just waiting to see one on our path 🐍

at 16:43:36 on 4/30/2021 UTC



Maria Kujawski With you Gina, i don't like spiders and snakes

at 4:57:04 on 5/01/2021 UTC



Mary Ann Minicozzi I am sure not going to stay there and watch it

at 6:21:12 on 5/01/2021 UTC

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Judith Walter Look like he had a big breakfast 🐍

at 9:53:11 on 5/01/2021 UTC



Beth Stelling A snake is a snake am running if I dont pass out

at 13:20:14 on 5/01/2021 UTC



Jennifer Quick Howard Karen DeVries what about the heat sensing pit? "Hold still just a minute!!!

at 15:47:09 on 5/02/2021 UTC



Tony Raymond Daadhii Debbie Sheppard Hello Angel, how are you? Please don't be upset, i was doing some research trying to upload my pic and update my profile when i came across your profile and i couldn't just take my eyes off you. I must say you are charming, matured and beautiful i see your comment.but we are not friends here on Facebook i tried sending you a friend request but did not go through please kindly add me up let's be friends here on Facebook i really appreciate I pray this message gets to you in a perfect state

at 22:13:47 on 5/05/2021 UTC