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TIDBIT! The Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake (note the pattern on its back) is the largest venomous snake in North America. Reaching up to eight feet in length, diamondback rattlesnakes are found in sandy woodlands and coastal scrubs. These pit vipers are natural exterminators feeding on household pests such as mice and rats as well as other small mammals and birds.



Tina Baynard here ya go Aaron.

at 23:11:33 on 9/23/2014 UTC



Doug Seibel They also taste much better than chicken.

at 0:42:31 on 9/24/2014 UTC



John Bell yeah, but the mice don't really have the ability to kill my kids and dogs...I'll pass on relying on one of these to keep the mice and rats away.

at 1:35:59 on 9/24/2014 UTC



Jim Montgomery Rat snakes do the same thing without risking life or limb.

at 1:40:54 on 9/24/2014 UTC



Missy Smith Where was this one photographed? If I had taken the picture, I would be using a super zoom lens. I would probably be running in the other direction...LOL!!!

at 6:06:30 on 9/24/2014 UTC



Dan Knutson My frying pan is ready.

at 8:55:38 on 9/24/2014 UTC



JonwadeandAnna Weatherford What an awesome snake!

at 11:41:41 on 9/24/2014 UTC



Juretta Scott Now that's. A snake!!!

at 12:57:05 on 9/24/2014 UTC



Cindy Long Beautiful snake..

at 22:04:59 on 9/24/2014 UTC



Missy Frost Westergard Carl J Westergard isn't this what we saw in the road the other night?

at 10:43:38 on 9/25/2014 UTC



Ben Stegenga Rodents carry diseases that have a much higher mortality rate than any snake bite, and gray squirrels are the main source of house fires in SC. So actually rodents are more deadly than any snake. Pit viper venom is also proving to be incredibly useful in medical research and the production of new drugs that treat cancers, heart attack and stroke, blood clots, etc. Venomous snakes are responsible for saving millions of human lives every year, and they only bite in self defense. Bites are easily treated and deaths are uncommon. Leave them be and you'll be fine. Dogs are much more resistant to snake venom than people and can usually survive a bite, but they can also be trained to avoid snakes.

at 17:50:43 on 10/07/2014 UTC



Ben Stegenga Rat snakes do eat rodents, but about half of their diet is also birds, eggs, bats, etc. Rattlesnakes such as this eastern diamondback and the timber (canebrake) rattlesnake almost exclusively eat mammals. Their large size also allows them to eat larger meals such as adult chipmunks, squirrels, and rabbits...many of which are too large for rat snakes to eat. These snakes really don't pose much of a threat to people as long as we leave them alone. The majority of snakebites occur when someone is trying to catch or kill a snake. No one ever got bit from leaving a snake alone or taking a couple steps back from a snake. Using common sense when outside, like watching where you put your hands and feet, as well as wearing proper footwear when in the woods will keep you safe from accidental encounters. These venomous snakes are also important because many of their venoms are being used in medical research and the production of medications. Right now venomous snakes literally save millions of lives every year through drugs that treat cancers, heart attack and stroke, blood clots, etc.

at 18:00:15 on 10/07/2014 UTC



Mark Blake Can I get a little help identifying this species. Is it a milk snake?



at 22:20:10 on 5/08/2015 UTC