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at 11:00:01 on 7/31/2018 UTC

Tidbit! Eastern hognose snakes (*Heterodon platirhinos*), named for their upturned snout, are a striking sight with their bright colors and bold pattern. They put on quite a show when threatened considering they are not only non-venomous but would almost never bite. When approached, they will fan their neck out like a cobra, raise their head and tilt back and forth, hiss and may even strike to frighten you away, but if all that fails, they just roll over on their backs, mouth gaping open, tongue hanging out and play dead!



Barbara Black My favorite snake!!!!

at 11:29:24 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Barbara Cochran Wow

at 11:33:28 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Daphne Poe They audition for the part of cobra, and when they don't get it they try for the role of opossum.

at 11:34:25 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Dawn Watson Weaver They are very neat creatures.

at 11:44:32 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Carla Farrior I am in Pickens County. I have never seen one.

at 11:45:44 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Misty Ladd I'd love to see more snakes posted and if they are venomous or not. I used to fear all snakes but have found that education is the key to help in not fearing all of them.

at 11:54:34 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Betty Grassnickle I've seen several hiking Sesqui', first time was scary, now it's fascinating.....

at 11:59:08 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Thia Beniash Agreed!

at 12:09:44 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Cindy Long They like the sandy soil..

at 12:27:18 on 7/31/2018 UTC

Brenda Poe Kyzer Jimmy Kyzer



at 12:29:53 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Frances Cabe Don't want to meet one!

at 12:34:55 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Heather Karamol Beautiful snake!

at 12:39:34 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Dianne Baxley Hawthorne We saw a copperhead at Langford state park last week. It was scary! There poisonous.

at 12:42:28 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Ginger King Hilderbrand Plays dead... never touch a snake!

at 12:44:04 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Dave Taylor Sounds like a historical reenactor!

at 12:48:09 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Michelle Adrienna They are super cute (for a snake)

at 12:52:07 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Jackie Chinchilla Good lol I think I'd have a stroke if I saw one at Table Rock

at 12:58:33 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Amy Phillips They always do a good job of scaring me!

at 13:07:58 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Heather Vincelette Wouldn't playing dead get them eaten?? I need to research that, interesting!

at 13:15:11 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Reagen Dandridge Desilets No, dead animals are food for scavengers that can handle bacteria and rotten flesh. Most are not scavengers and require fresh meat so the instinct is to abandon it if they think it's dead, even though it was just moving.

at 13:24:17 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Reagen Dandridge Desilets Love them!

at 13:25:26 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Crystal Bowen I agree about posting more info about snakes and even other animals that someone may run across while out and about in South Carolina.

at 13:26:51 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Christina Geney Miller Charles Miller think this is what your customer saw?!

at 13:34:10 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Naya Klor John Kamin ☺🐍

at 13:40:38 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Angel Thomas I need a video of this! X"D

at 13:45:20 on 7/31/2018 UTC



David Ownbey Why would somebody that hates nature follow a State Parks page?

at 13:46:41 on 7/31/2018 UTC



David Wright Here's one playing dead in my yard after he was hissing and striking at me. Upstate SC.



at 13:52:20 on 7/31/2018 UTC



David Wright



at 13:53:12 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Michelle Worthington Bless its heart!

at 13:53:59 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Jessica Christmas Mckenzie The one we had at our house was black and looked like a cotton mouth to me.

my husband is very knowledgeable about snakes and showed me how non-confrontational the snake was. He could not get it to “run” away and it never tried to bite. I had never even heard of one before that. (I’m 40 and lived in SC all my life). So thanks for posting this- It’s a Good snake-let it be!

at 13:58:03 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Mary Jane Elliott They are interesting.

at 14:06:52 on 7/31/2018 UTC

Alex Gabriel I've always wanted to see one of these in person. Such interesting behavior,



like play-acting. And their face is so unique!
at 14:15:32 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Theresa Stephens I avoid snakes. Love to look at them though....at a safe distance!
at 14:38:34 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Jacob Gamble We ran across this guy on a hike in Brevard on Sunday. Keep out a watchful eye folks.



at 14:39:24 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Jeejee Kamins Cool!
at 14:49:11 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Brenden Taylor Actually, hognose snakes are mildly venomous, but nothing that would harm a person--just toxic enough to subdue small prey, and maybe cause something of a mild allergic reaction in a person. And that only if they are allowed to hold on and and 'chew' when they bite to work the toxin into the wound. But like the abstract said, they really don't want to bite, and go to great lengths to avoid it. You really have to go the extra mile into boneheadedness to get one of these to do damage. They don't have venom glands, or hollow fangs to inject it like pit vipers, but the toxicity is in their saliva. Even when they do bite, their fangs are short, fixed, and at the back of their mouth where they could not readily get you, unless you were shoving your fingers far into their mouth. They use them to puncture and deflate the toads & frogs they feed on so as to better get them down.

at 14:56:20 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Jimmie Lois Hughes Rat snake in my back yard



at 15:01:46 on 7/31/2018 UTC

South Carolina State Parks Very cool! Thanks for sharing the pics!



at 15:21:56 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Jessica Burkett David Burkett
at 15:27:27 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Mo Gambrell Laurens Co. This kind scared the..... Out of me
at 15:41:22 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Rachel Weber Venomous.
at 16:00:50 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Bobby Weatherford Beautiful snake, not a good pet though. They eat mostly frogs/toads. I never seen one take a feeder mouse, although I have seen a King Cobra take one, so anything's possible.
at 16:12:32 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Elizabeth Livingston Larry Livingston Tom Pruett
at 16:20:34 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Tammy Charles Christopher Scc
at 16:33:41 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Sinead Capoeman Me too.
at 16:35:38 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Sinead Capoeman Good one!
at 16:36:02 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Cindy Long Canebrake
Rattlesnake 😊
at 16:40:04 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Jackie Kosakowski Mark Prack
at 16:50:18 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Michelle Shiroma That's one pretty snake. Thanks for sharing.
at 16:52:14 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Susanna Buck Register This is Sandy. She is a Cali King and laid eggs about 3 weeks ago. Some of her hatchlings will be coming here from Utah to hang out at our farm!



at 17:20:51 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Katelynn T McLaughlin Wesley Scott Mclaughlin the one we ran across at the refuge was a baby compared to this one :o. Listen to him rattle

at 17:35:06 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Julia Godley I've been told if you should think they are dead and pick them up, they pee or dedicate on you, and the smell is horrific, as a last resort to be left alone! Don't know if that's true, just what I was told.

at 17:38:35 on 7/31/2018 UTC



John Ausmus Danielle Ausmus

at 17:39:49 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Danielle Ausmus Are you trying to put me in preterm labor? I'll die if I ever see one in real life

at 17:55:33 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Jody Vail Wish all snakes rolled over and played dead.

at 18:33:18 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Sharon L Smith Gregg Smith

at 18:59:40 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Jane Hester Such a pretty snake. There used to be lots of them in our neighborhood, but drainage "improvements" meant few places for roads to breed. Now they are rare.

at 19:59:32 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Brenda Caparaso James Caparaso

at 20:10:50 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Jeannie Renee Thomas My daughter is a reptile lover. She would have loved to see this.

at 20:13:18 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Jane Parker I wouldn't be close enough to get a picture

at 20:19:08 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Andy Taylor Brittany E. Taylor good to know here.

at 21:06:11 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Corinne Hilsdorf Mistretta Pretty darn awesome!!
Thanks so much, always good to learn about snakes. This one is too funny rolling over playing dead.
at 21:44:41 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Ray Peace Hog nose's teeth are at the back of their mouth and are used to deflate the lungs of a frog. (Favorite food). I kept one as a pet for many years. It was found off hwy 8 north of Pickens.
at 22:16:52 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Alexis Tasker Ben Tasker danger noodle
at 22:45:23 on 7/31/2018 UTC



Brady Licari They also put out a horrible musk, bring baby wipes.
at 0:40:47 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Ray Peace I had one and when it rained in the summer I would drive around and catch and freeze frogs. Will also eat minnows.
at 1:00:40 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Steph Kelley That's too cool!!!
at 1:03:23 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Tyler Allen Yes they will put out a horrible odor
at 1:33:42 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Julia Godley Tyler Allen thanks for the warning! 🐍
at 2:03:40 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Nick Harrison That's one gorgeous specimen!!
at 2:15:32 on 8/01/2018 UTC

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Crystal Black- Coker <https://www.facebook.com/groups/569601646578703/>



at 3:39:59 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Sarah Auton Ryan Turner
at 3:40:06 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Crystal Black-Coker Click the link to the group above. It's a group that you can join to learn about snakes in your area
at 3:41:09 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Felicia Henry O'Shields He's HUGE
at 3:42:03 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Erin Duris Howard Blue wall preserve



at 3:59:32 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Sheila Moore Wow I flared out like a cobra I would have had a heart attack
at 4:11:17 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Christi Flora Sarah Brant
at 4:19:07 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Lisa Boulanger Why can't all snakes do that
at 4:29:37 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Kristine Thomas Sounds like me on a very hot day.
at 5:06:43 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Dianne Phillips Exley I love to watch their show.
at 5:38:29 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Krista M Childers Both of mine take scented mice. But they are captive bred.



at 10:33:29 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Tray Miles It's almost like a milk they secrete from their skin... Very stinky!
at 11:40:57 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Marie Wood Mother Nature. Miracles, everywhere you look.
at 11:55:04 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Carolyn Marcantonio Davidson Thanks for the info.
at 12:41:41 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Megan Yoder Ross Yoder what in the heck
at 12:46:33 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Lex Williams Had this all black Hognose on my property a few weeks ago.



at 13:45:59 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Julia Godley Tray Miles yuk!
at 14:05:30 on 8/01/2018 UTC

Jim Palmer Yep!



at 14:18:58 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Lorraine Clark Beautiful

at 15:06:13 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Mike Weber Megan Outlaw you've never seen one of those?

at 15:42:33 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Megan Yoder Nope and don't wish to

at 15:44:11 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Mike Weber Megan Outlaw we use to catch them at Dunn Mountain. They are fun when they play dead.

at 15:45:04 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Justin Curtis Didn't see they but I had one barf up a frog once.

at 20:36:39 on 8/01/2018 UTC



Charles David Bishop How do snakes use the bathroom

at 1:47:51 on 8/02/2018 UTC



Bobbi Jo Padgett Megan Outlaw I caught one of these and had it as a pet one time 😊 he would play dead and curl in my hand

at 3:38:49 on 8/02/2018 UTC



Michelle Bryant Kolb Oh I'd be the one dead.....From a Heart Attack! 😞

at 5:44:42 on 8/02/2018 UTC



Sarah Nutter They must have at one point in their history had experience around cobras!

at 7:36:03 on 8/02/2018 UTC



David N Alicia Tallent I saw a video of one going through the motions. It really is a site to see.

at 13:45:39 on 8/02/2018 UTC



Lisa Leigh Gregory Perfect analogy!

at 15:20:02 on 8/02/2018 UTC



Lisa H Swartz They're pretty awesome!

at 23:35:00 on 8/02/2018 UTC



Lisa H Swartz Black rat snake, totally harmless



at 23:39:45 on 8/02/2018 UTC



Renee Hall I see the snake....., but I really see that poison oak/sumac! That mess scares me waaaayyyy more!

at 1:24:43 on 8/03/2018 UTC



Shannon Reuter Robin Meredith

at 12:31:35 on 8/03/2018 UTC



Robin Meredith That's awesome! Funny snake 🤪

at 16:49:27 on 8/03/2018 UTC



Sharon Rice Maag I'd die of a heart attack

at 21:29:48 on 8/04/2018 UTC



Beth Blanton Years ago I had a hognose snake in my yard. He did just that- sat up like the cobra and then played dead. I can't remember what agency I called but they asked me to catch it because it was so large and they don't usually see large ones. And yes I caught it, and they came and got it.

at 0:40:03 on 8/06/2018 UTC



Jackson Cable Nope. Just a great example of convergent evolution. Two unrelated species evolving similar traits despite being unrelated or never having encountered each other.

Having a "hood" is a tactic to make the snake look larger to intimidate would be predators, people mostly associate it with cobras but in reality there multiple species that have that trait.

at 19:34:03 on 8/19/2018 UTC



Jeanne Luther Beautiful color. However I'd rather never see another snake.

at 10:58:43 on 10/30/2018 UTC