



# NATURE NOTES

Dedicated to the Enjoyment and Conservation of the Natural Beauty of Sun City Texas at Georgetown  
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**Tuesday, May 19, 2:30 p.m., SCB**

\*\*\* CANCELLED \*\*\*

**No Club Meeting in June**

## MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$12 for 2020

Dues include our monthly programs and all Special Interest Group programs and activities.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

Nature Club activities are posted on the Nature Club website calendar. E-mails are sent to Club members only.

### AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES



**May** (Date/Location to be Determined)

Snake Safety Education

*SIG Chair: Steve Kelly*

### REPTILE ID, RELOCATION & MAPPING

FREE service, call:

- Steve Kelley 512-639-0539
- Jim Christiansen 512-868-3504
- John Leek 713-825-0145
- Joe Plunkett 774-226-0810
- City of Georgetown Animal Control 512-930-3592



We encourage residents to leave harmless, beneficial reptiles in their landscapes, but call us so we can identify and map all reptiles.

### ASTRONOMY SIG

*Watch for Special Viewing announcements.*

Mon., **May 25**, Cancelled

Mon., **June 22**, 7:00 p.m. CC Florence

Room. Topic is TBD.

*SIG Chairs: Richard Wagoner & David Lingo*



### BIRDING SIG

No **May** Meeting

Tue., **June 2**, 2:00 p.m. CC Florence

Room. Topic, "All About Owls" presented by wildlife rehabber Roger Rucker



### BIRD WALKS

Thurs, **June 4**, & Wed, **June 17**. All walks 8:00 a.m., meet at LHPP parking lot near the lake. Any changes will be emailed.

*SIG Chairs: Ed Rozenburg & Martin Byhower*



### BUTTERFLY/MOTH SIG

Tues., **Jun**, No Meeting

#### BUTTERFLY WALKS

Wed., **June 24**, 10:00 a.m. Meet at the Tranquility trailhead.

*SIG Chair: Ed Rozenburg*

### ENVIRONMENTAL SIG

**May** meeting cancelled

Fri., **June 26**, 12:45 – 3:15 p.m., ACA, Topic TBA

*SIG Chair: Pamela Tanner*



### GEOLOGY SIG

**May** meeting cancelled

Tues., **June 23**, CC G'Town/Florence, 4:00 p.m.

Paul Ohlenbusch will present "The Caves of Sun City Revisited".

*SIG Chair: Paul Swetland*



### NATIVE PLANTS SIG

Mon., **May** No walk scheduled

Mon., **June** Walks TBA

*SIG Chair: Larry Fowler*

### Sun City Snakes

Calls for snake relocations have been a bit slow this spring, which the Sun City snake wranglers are attributing to fewer people out working in their yards. We still want to collect data and encourage those out walking or hiking on trails to take pictures and text them to Steve Kelley (512) 639-0539 or John Leek (713) 825-0145 so we can record the location. Rattlesnakes are moving as it is breeding season, so use caution when out on trails. If you have any questions or concerns regarding snakes, please feel free to call.

The following two pages may help identify the common snakes found in Sun City.

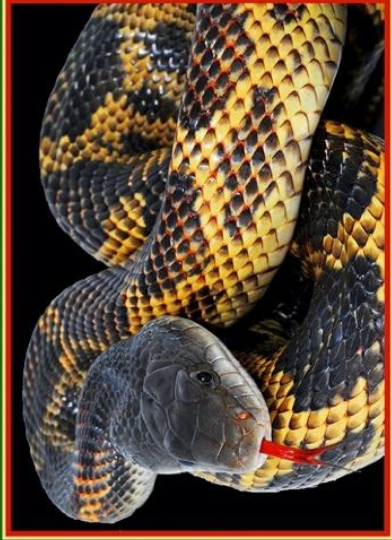
# ID GUIDE FOR HARMLESS SNAKES



Great Plains Rat Snake



Texas Rat Snake



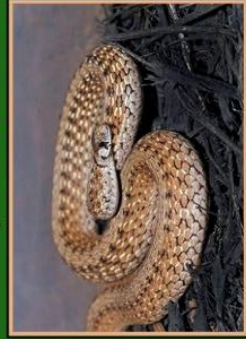
Eastern Hognose



Texas Patchnose



DeKay's Brownsnake



Small burrowing snake (9" to 12")  
Very common.

Coachwhip



Blackneck Garter Snake



## Contributing Partners

- Sun City CA
- Sun City Nature Club
- Sun City Snake Wranglers

A special thanks to:  
Steve Kelley and John Leek

Rough Green Snake



Redstripe Ribbon Snake



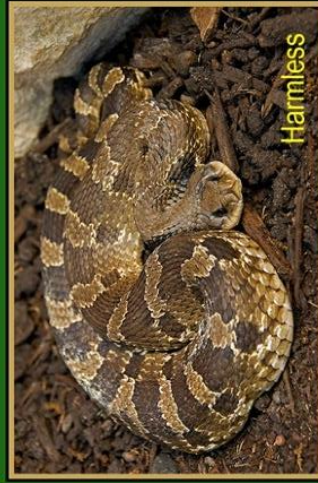
Blotched Water Snake



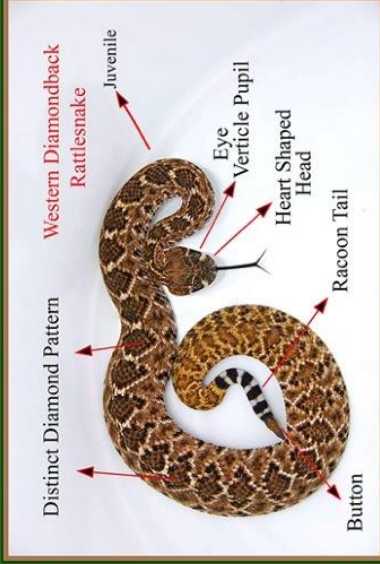


Western Diamondback Rattlesnake

Eastern Hognose (May look similar to)

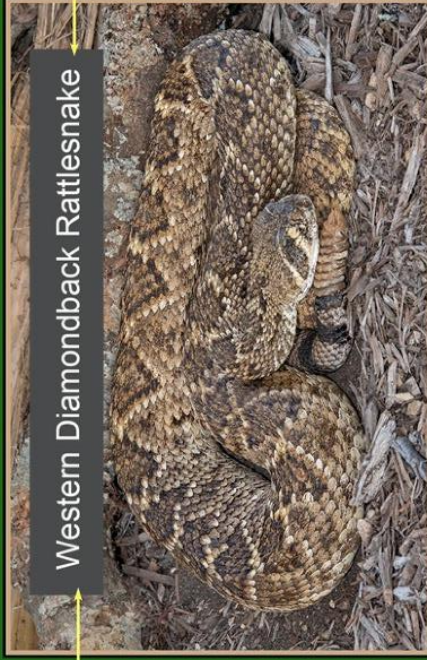


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Western Diamondback Rattlesnake

(May look similar to) Texas Rat Snake



Western Diamondback Rattlesnake



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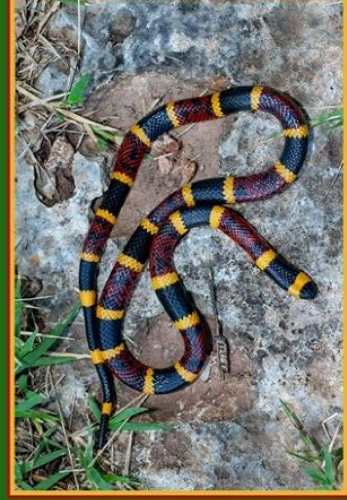
**Snake Wranglers**

Call for assistance or Text Photograph for snake I.D.

- John Leek 713 825 0145 Text ok
- Steve Kelley 512 639 0539 Text ok
- Joe Plunkett 774 226 0810 Text ok
- Jim Christiansen 512 868 3504 Call only

All photos taken in Sun City, Texas

Photography by John Leek



Texas Coral Snake



Texas Coral Snake