## Dekay's Brownsnake

*Storeria dekayi*

- [illegible] cm, [illegible] cm (snout-vent)
- light grey-brown to red-brown
- back rows of spots along light outlined stripe on back
- rows of spots may be joined for narrow lines
- dark downward bar on side of head
- [illegible] have three yellowish spots on neck
- belly cream or yellow
- scales keeled, anal scale divided
- gives birth to live young

## Northern Red-bellied Snake

*Storeria occipitomaculata*

*Agkistrodon laticinctus*

- [illegible] cm, record [illegible] cm (snout-vent)
- Reddish brown to grey-brown in colour
- Three light brown or yellow spots on neck
- Orange-red belly; few dark spots may be present
- Scales keeled, anal scale divided
- Gives birth to live young

## Smooth Greensnake

*Opheodrys vernalis*

- [illegible] cm, record [illegible] cm
- Bright green and shiny
- Belly white or yellow
- Scales smooth, anal scale divided
- Lays eggs

## Northern Ring-necked Snake

*Diadophis punctatus edwardsii*

- [illegible] cm, record [illegible] cm
- Shiny steel blue, slate or brown in colour
- Neck ring and belly orange-yellow
- Scales adjacent to neck ring darker
- Belly has interrupted row of small black spots
- Scales smooth, anal scale divided
- Lays eggs

## Eastern Ribbonsnake

*Thamnophis sauritus septentrionalis*

- [illegible] cm, record [illegible] cm
- Black with 3 yellow stripes
- Lateral stripes on scale rows 2 and 4
- Distinct white half moon spot in front of eye
- May have brown colour along each side of belly
- Belly yellow-green
- Scales keeled, anal scale single
- Gives birth to live young
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Stripes on scale rows three and four

## Gopher Snake

*Pituophis catenifer*

- [illegible] cm
- Yellow-brown with yellow stripe along lower flank
- 60 dark stripes may be found on back
- Belly cream yellow; brown stripes may be visible
- Usually found near rivers and marshes
- Scales keeled, anal scale divided
- Gives birth to live young
- ENDANGERED (COSEWIC) ENDANGERED (OMNR)

## Eastern Gartersnake

*Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis*

- [illegible] cm, record [illegible] cm
- Black, green or brown with three yellow or yellow green stripes
- Stripes may be orange or reddish in some parts of range
- Some snakes may be all black with no stripes (melanistic)
- Lateral stripes on scale rows 2 and 3
- May have dark scales or spots between stripes giving it a checkered pattern
- Belly yellowish green
- Scales keeled, anal scale single
- Gives birth to live young

Stripes on scale rows two and three

## Blue Racer

*Coluber constrictor foxii*

- [illegible] cm, record [illegible] cm (large snake)
- Grey to greenish blue
- Head dark, throat white
- Belly light blue
- Only found on Pelee Island
- Scales smooth, anal scale divided
- Lays eggs
- ENDANGERED (COSEWIC) ENDANGERED (OMNR)

## Red-sided Gartersnake

*Thamnophis sirtalis parietalis*

- [illegible] cm, record [illegible] cm
- Black brown with 3 yellow stripes
- Red bars between stripes and reddish wash on sides between scales
- Lateral stripes on scale rows 2 and 3
- Belly green black
- In Ontario, only found along the Manitoba border
- Keeled scales, anal scale single
- Gives birth to live young

## Juvenile Blue Racer

- Grey with central row of dark grey brown blotches
- Tan or red blotches on brown or grey tail
- Side of head speckled white and black

## Butler's Gartersnake

*Thamnophis butleri*

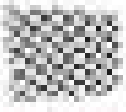
- [illegible] cm, record [illegible] cm
- Black or brown green with 3 yellow stripes
- Stripes may be orange
- Lateral stripes on scale row 3 extending onto row 2 below and 4 above
- Towards back of body lateral stripe on scale rows 2 and 3
- Speckled head
- Belly green yellow
- Only found in Bruce County
- Scales keeled, anal scale single
- Gives birth to live young
- ENDANGERED (COSEWIC) ENDANGERED (OMNR)

## Gray Ratsnake

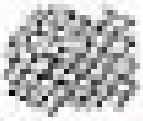
*Pantherophis spiloides*

- [illegible] cm, record [illegible] cm (large snake)
- In young, faint blotched pattern may be seen
- Throat white
- Belly grey brown with
- Scales smooth keeled, anal scale divided
- Lays eggs
- Carolinian population ENDANGERED (COSEWIC, OMNR)
- Great Lakes / St. Lawrence population THREATENED (COSEWIC, OMNR)

How to count scale rows on a snake



Smooth scale



Keeled scale

Single anal scale

Divided anal scale

## Juvenile Gray Ratsnake

- Light grey with grey brown blotches on body and tail
- Dark bar across snout and from eye to jaw