Copperhead (*Agkistrodon contortrix*) **VENOMOUS**



How to Color Me:

Body – pinkish-tan Hourglass-shaped bands - reddish-brown Facial band (eye to corner of jaw) – reddish brown

How Big Am I? I am a medium-sized snake – usually 2 to 3 feet long – but I have a fat body. A huge Copperhead is about 4 feet long.



What Do I Like to Eat? I love to eat mice, frogs and toads, and even insects

Places Where You Might See Me: In Florida, I can only be found in the panhandle. I like to hide under logs in the woods, or in the wood pile in your yard!

Cottonmouth or Water Moccasin (Agkistrodon piscivorus) VENOMOUS

How to Color Me:

Body – reddish-brown Bands and splotches – dark brown Facial band (eye to corner of jaw) – dark brown Inside of the mouth – cottony white **When I get older, my bands will fade and I will turn nearly solid black!**

How Big Am I? I am a pretty big snake with a fat body – usually about 4 feet long. A huge Cottonmouth is about 6 feet long.



What Do I Like to Eat? I love to eat frogs, fish, baby alligators, rabbits, water birds, water snakes, and sometimes even other cottonmouths!

Places Where You Might See Me: Watch out for me in all parts of Florida, near the edges of canals, ponds, lakes, wetlands, swamps, creeks or other water – lying in the sun or hiding in plants



How to Color Me:

Body – medium brown Diamonds – dark brown with white outlines Facial band (eye to corner of jaw) – dark brown

How Big Am I? I am a really big snake with a fat body – usually about 3 to 4 feet



long. A huge Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake is about 6 (or more) feet long.

What Do I Like to Eat? I love to eat rats, mice, squirrels, rabbits, and sometimes birds.

Places Where You Might See Me: Watch out for me in all parts of Florida in the woods, a field, or on a golf course. I can usually be found lying in the sun or hiding under a bush or in a Gopher Tortoise burrow.

Canebrake Rattlesnake (Crotalus horridus) VENOMOUS



Body – pinkish tan Zig Zag Stripes – dark brown Back Stripe (down my spine) – rusty reddish-brown Facial band (eye to corner of jaw) – dark brown Tail tip – dark brownish-black

How Big Am I? I am a really big snake with a fat body – usually about 4 or 5 feet long. A huge Canebrake Rattlesnake is about 6 (or more) feet long.



What Do I Like to Eat? I love to eat rats, mice, squirrels, rabbits, frogs, and lizards.

Places Where You Might See Me: Watch out for me in parts of North Florida in the woods or a field near the woods. I am usually hiding in a thicket or a pile of tree branches, or lying out in the open in the sun. My stripes are perfect camouflage to keep me hidden in the woods!

Pygmy Rattlesnake (*Sistrurus miliarius*) **VENOMOUS**



Blotches - dark gray/black

Back Stripe (spots down my spine between blotches) – rusty reddish-brown Facial band (eye to corner of jaw) – dark gray/black

How Big Am I? I am a small snake – usually only 1 to 1 ½ feet long – but I have a fat body for my size.



What Do I Like to Eat? I love to eat insects, frogs, lizards, and small snakes.

Places Where You Might See Me: Watch out for me in all parts of Florida in the woods or in your backyard – especially under plants in flower beds or gardens. My rattle is so tiny it barely makes a sound, so I can't warn you to stay back! Be sure to watch out for me!

Harlequin Coralsnake (*Micrurus fulvius*) VENOMOUS

How to Color Me:

Nose – black Head band – yellow Neck – black Narrow bands - yellow Splotchy bands – red with black spots Red bands touch yellow!

Remember: Yellow, Red, STOP!

How Big Am I? I am a skinny, medium-sized snake – usually about 2 to 3 feet long.



What Do I Like to Eat? I love to eat lizards and little snakes.



Places Where You Might See Me: Watch out for me in all parts of Florida in the woods, the park, or your backyard. I am usually hiding underground, under logs, leaves or mulch, or in the wood pile in your back yard!

HARMLESS Coralsnake Lookalikes Scarletsnakes and Scarlet Kingsnakes

How to Color Me: Nose – red Next bands – black, yellow, black, red And so on.... red never touches yellow!