

Have you seen this harmless snake?



Eastern hog-nosed snake: Threatened in Ontario

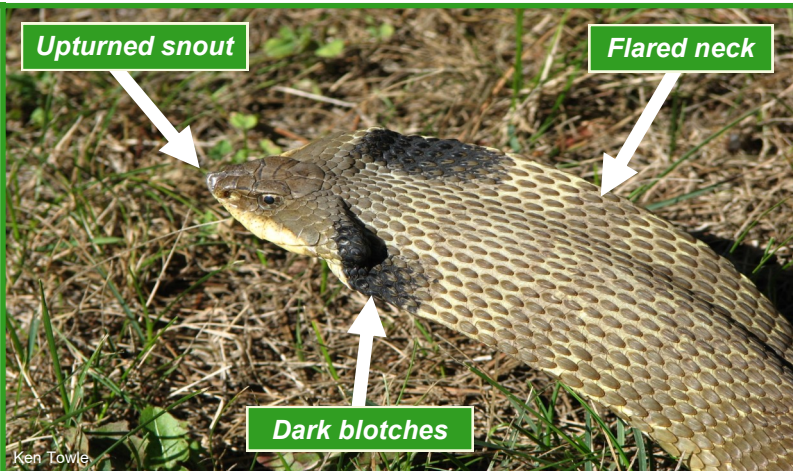
Please report any sightings to the Huron Stewardship Council

Appearance & Behaviour

- Up to 115 cm and thick bodied
- Young snakes have a blotchy pattern, fading to olive green or black as they age
- When scared it may flare its neck, hiss, or strike but not bite
- If the snake is very stressed, it may roll over and play dead
- The name hog-nosed comes from its upturned snout that is used for digging

Ecology & Habitat

- Habitats include beaches, sand dunes, meadows, forests, and forest edges
- A specialized predator—these snakes primarily eat toads
- Watch for snakes on roadways, especially as they return to hibernation sites in October



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The sooner a sighting can be reported the better!

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What information?

Location, Behaviour, Photos (if possible)