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Animal Fact Sheet

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Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake

Crotalus adamanteus

Crotalus adamanteus is the largest rattlesnake that has ever existed and the heaviest venomous snake in the Americas, with reliable records over 2.4 m and weights approaching 10 kg. Its life is tied …

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Viperidae
Habitat: Dry pine forests, coastal scrub, and sandy woodlands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 10-20 years
Weight: 2-6 kg
Scientific name: Crotalus adamanteus

Did you know?

- An adult Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake can grow up to 2.4 meters (about 8 feet) long, making it the heaviest venomous snake in the Americas.
- Diamondbacks swim readily and have been recorded crossing open salt water between barrier islands off Florida and Georgia. They locate warm-blooded p…

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