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Animal Fact Sheet

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Eastern Hognose Snake

Heterodon platirhinos

Heterodon platirhinos is a harmless North American snake with the most elaborate bluff in the reptile world, and it runs it in a fixed sequence. Confronted, it first flattens its neck into a wide hoo…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Colubridae
Habitat: Sandy woodlands, fields, and forest edges
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 7-12 years
Weight: 60-120 grams
Scientific name: Heterodon platirhinos

Did you know?

- The hognose snake's upturned snout is an adaptation that helps it dig for its favorite prey, especially burrowing amphibians like toads.
- Hognose snakes are sometimes called puff adders in the United States, which is a genuine source of confusion given the lethal African snake of the sa…

What I learned

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