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Animal Fact Sheet

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Eastern Indigo Snake

Drymarchon couperi

Drymarchon couperi is the longest native snake in the United States, reaching around 2.6 to 2.8 m, and it is glossy blue-black to the point that it flashes iridescent purple in sunlight. It is comple…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Colubridae
Habitat: Longleaf pine forests, sandhills, and scrublands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Threatened
Lifespan: 12-21 years
Weight: 1.2–2.3 kg
Scientific name: Drymarchon couperi

Did you know?

- Despite their imposing size, Eastern Indigo Snakes are docile and rarely bite when handled.
- An indigo snake will eat almost anything it can overpower — other snakes, turtles, small mammals, birds, frogs and even young gopher tortoises — maki…

What I learned

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