

Animal Fact Sheet

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Prairie Rattlesnake

Crotalus viridis

The Prairie Rattlesnake is a venomous pit viper native to the grasslands and prairies of North America, particularly the central United States, southwestern Canada, and northern Mexico. It is recogni...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Viperidae

Habitat: Grasslands and prairies

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 10-20 years

Weight: 250-900 grams

Scientific name: *Crotalus viridis*

Did you know?

- Despite their fearsome reputation, Prairie Rattlesnakes are generally shy and will often try to flee or warn intruders with their rattle before resor...
- Prairie Rattlesnakes can control the amount of venom they inject, and often deliver 'dry bites' as a warning. Their rattle is made of loosely interlo...

What I learned
