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## Red-sided Garter Snake

*Thamnophis sirtalis parietalis*

The Red-sided Garter Snake is a colorful subspecies of the common garter snake found primarily in central North America. Distinguished by its vivid red stripes running along the sides of a dark body,...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Reptile

**Family:** Colubridae

**Habitat:** Grasslands, prairies, forest edges, and wetlands

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 4-6 years in the wild

**Weight:** 50-150 grams

**Scientific name:** *Thamnophis sirtalis parietalis*

### Did you know?

- The Narcisse Snake Dens in Manitoba, Canada, host the world's largest gathering of Red-sided Garter Snakes, with tens of thousands emerging from hibe...
- Red-sided Garter Snakes are famous for forming massive mating balls, with dozens of males vying for a single female. They rely on pheromones for comm...

### What I learned

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