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Animal Fact Sheet

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Smooth Green Snake

Opheodrys vernalis

The Smooth Green Snake is a slender, small, non-venomous snake known for its vivid, grass-green coloration that helps it blend seamlessly into its grassy habitats. This species is native to North Ame…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Colubridae
Habitat: Moist meadows, grassy fields, open woodlands, and edges of forests
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-8 years
Weight: 8-14 grams
Scientific name: Opheodrys vernalis

Did you know?

- The Smooth Green Snake has a vital role in controlling insect populations, particularly pests such as crickets, spiders, and caterpillars.
- Smooth Green Snakes can sometimes turn a bluish or olive color after death due to pigment breakdown. Unlike many other snakes, they rarely bite or sh…

What I learned

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