



Have You Seen Me?



Photo: USFWS/Bill Radke

Adult green ratsnake

Green ratsnake

The green ratsnake is a slim plain green, greenish gray or olive snake with unmarked, whitish or cream underparts that are tinged yellow. The head is relatively long and narrow and is clearly distinct from the thin neck with round pupils. Juveniles are tan with brown blotches before their adult green coloring comes in.

Habitat and behavior

It is often encountered on relatively exposed, steep, rocky slopes and along drainages at the bases of such slopes. It forages in the branches of trees and bushes but spends the majority of its time on the ground. When encountered the snake usually remains motionless to avoid detection. It is non-venomous and harmless to humans.

If spotted

Leave the snake where it is and ask a ranger to fill out a wildlife observation form at the visitor center. It is not rare, threatened, or endangered, but is secretive and rarely observed. Green ratsnake sightings have occurred around the park, but not in the park.

Please record:

1. Photograph
2. Date and time seen
3. Location where seen
4. Estimated body length
5. Observed behaviors
6. Weather (temperature, cloudy, rainy, windy)