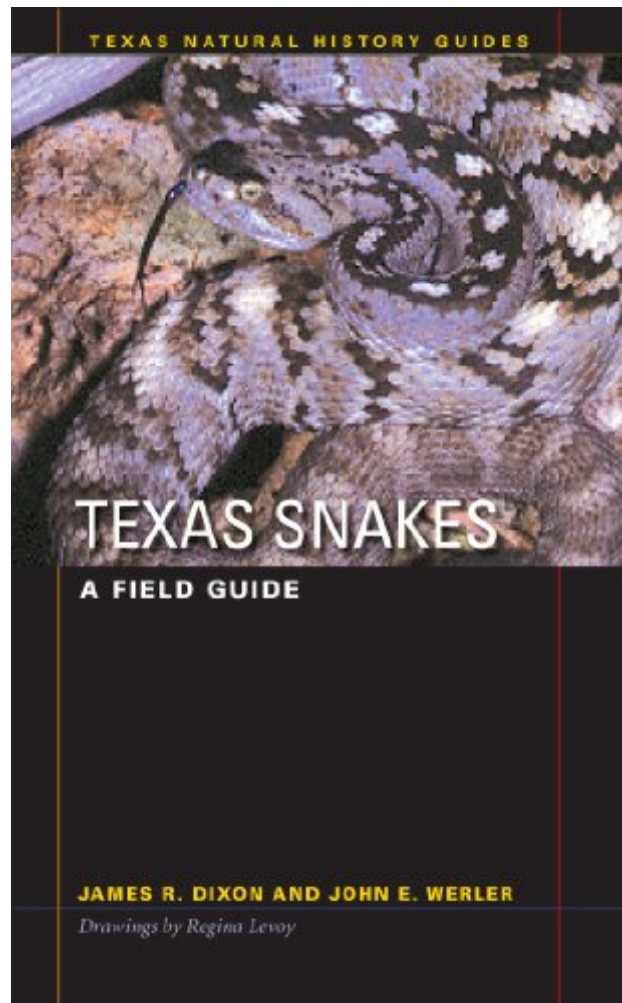


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Synopsis

From the legendary, fear-inspiring western diamond-backed rattlesnake to the tiny, harmless plains blind snake, Texas has a greater diversity of snake species than any other state in the country. This fully illustrated field guide to Texas snakes, written by two of the state's most respected herpetologists, gives you the most current and complete information to identify and understand all 110 species and subspecies. Texas Snakes: A Field Guide has all the resources you need to identify snakes in the wild and in your yard: 110 full-color, close-up photos that show every snake, as well as 39 detailed line drawings, 110 range maps, up-to-date species accounts that describe each snake's appearance, look-alikes, size, and habitat, a checklist of all Texas snakes and a key to the species, reliable information on poisonous snakes and preventing and treating snakebites, concise guides to snake conservation, classification, and identification. Drawn from the authors' monumental, definitive Texas Snakes: Identification, Distribution, and Natural History, this field guide is your must-have source for identifying any snake you see in Texas.

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Customer Reviews

The maps in this book are of exceptional detail narrowing ranges down to countys which is hard to get in many smaller field guides. However this is about the extent of this books worth. Although the pictures are descent they are by no means fantastic or worth writing home about and there are not very many of each animal, usually just one example, which any herper knows is not enough. My suggestion get Tennants Lone Star Field Guide to Texas Snakes thats a far better read.

This is a must have book for everyone that lives in Texas whether you are into snakes or not. I've refered many to this book just to identify snakes in their yards, and is a must have when hiking or camping. I have an older version that looks like it's been thru the washing machine because I've used it so much. When this newest edition came out, I had to have it, and was pleasantly surprised with a few additions such as current Texas laws and regulations concerning reptiles. It's field guide size makes it perfect to throw into your glove box or backpack to keep handy. It has great pictures, discriptions, and ranges of every single snake in the state of Texas. Buy and enjoy!

The photographs are excellent, sharp and good color saturation. However, they are way to small. 4x5 to 5x7 inches would be much better. Also arrange the photos in snakes that look very much alike. For instance, all of the snakes that look like the Coral Snake should be on neighboring pages. All Hog Nose the same. All Pure Black (colored) together. All of the rattle snakes together. The very lightest colored diamond patters first and work down to the very darkest ones. When I find a snake with certain color patterns the pages should be close together so I don't have to go thru the whole book, flipping back and forth trying to find the snake I am looking at. Take a man off the street, give him a snake and the book and watch him use the book. Group the snakes for easy identification; rattles, hog noses, stipes, spots, fat or skinny tails, diamonds, sploches, rings, etc. It is a very good written book. Take better advantage of excellent photographs. Thanks, Frank W. Hampson, Professional Photographer 870-365-0909

Excellent reference book for identifying snakes. I also bought John Werler's Texas Snakes: Identification, Distribution and Natural History, which is another good book, but more expensive and imo, not necessary if you have this Field Guide.

This is the best snake book ever written. It contains contributions from many of the experts at the Houston Zoo where I served as a docent for 11 years. It also has information gathered be severy acquaintances in the Herpetological community in Texas. Very informative and accurate!

Very informative book! I can say that after learning some new information, I'm not as afraid of snakes as I used to be. Would have liked to have given the book five stars, but since it only contained one picture of a cottonmouth, I had to give it four. And yes, the book does go into detail as to why there is only one cottonmouth photo, but I still think a few more would have been adequate, especially given the fact that they are one of the four venomous snakes in Texas and can vary in appearance. With that said, this book offers great information and good, clear photos. I can proudly say that with the help of this book, I was able to correctly identify the diamond-backed water snake that made its way onto my back patio. And since knowledge can be power, I didn't lose my mind when I saw him!

Provides knowledge to help turn one from being a person in fear of these animals that crawl around on their bellies, to being comfortable and even admiring of our reptilian relatives. A good read and reference guide.

Book was very informative. Pictures were well done and text was informative. Only improvement would be inclusion of more snakes and larger pictures.

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