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**Common Name: California Whipsnake
(aka Striped Racer)**

Scientific Name: (*Masticophis lateralis*)

- 30 – 60 inches
- Plain black or dark brown above; lighter on tail; conspicuous pale yellow or whitish stripe on each side extending from back of head to or beyond vent; whitish, cream, pale yellow, or orange below
- Dorsal scales smooth
- Found in chaparral and coastal sage scrub but occasionally in grassland, oak woodland, and mixed coniferous forests; rocky hillsides, sparse chaparral, and near gullies, canyons and stream beds