



*Bradford Hollingsworth, San Diego Natural History Museum*

**Common Name:** Western Rattlesnake  
**Scientific Name:** (*Crotalus viridis*)

- 15 – 65 inches
- Scales keeled; blotched snake usually with dark stripe extending across eye region; blotches vary in color from brown to black, often bordered by darker or lighter colors; background color varies greatly and may be cream, yellow, pinkish, gray, greenish, brown or black; diamond pattern on back
- Individual's color can vary depending on temperature
- Found in grassland, chaparral, coastal sage scrub, oak woodland and coniferous forest; rock outcrops, rocky hillsides, logs, dense vegetation, stream beds and