

Conservation

Get Outdoors!

Plan an outing to learn about creatures that are active after sundown! Find a dark and quiet area where you and your parents or friends can sit under the stars and simply listen. You will hear all sorts of sounds that you don't hear during the daytime. How many birds, bugs or animals can you identify that are making these sounds in the dark?

Hunting Tip

As summer begins, hunters can take some time to prepare for next fall. Some off-season activities include shooting practice with firearms or archery gear; scout areas you will be hunting; search for new hunting areas; maintain any gear that needs attention; or break-in new gear you'll be using soon.

Fishing Tip

If you are a state resident 15 or younger, you are exempt from needing a fishing license in Oklahoma. But, on June 4 and 5, everyone can fish in Oklahoma without needing a fishing license. Those are the annual Free Fishing Days, so make sure to ask someone new to go fishing with you!

for Kids!

Word Search: Snakes in Oklahoma

B	S	H	X	A	K	U	Y	T	V	U	C	H	K	P	J
L	E	E	D	R	A	T	S	N	A	K	E	J	S	J	C
C	Z	O	Q	Q	N	N	O	U	L	D	U	V	O	O	C
K	I	N	G	S	N	A	K	E	D	S	E	A	T	C	A
W	P	Y	G	M	Y	E	E	L	K	N	D	T	O	W	Z
T	S	P	L	N	X	S	I	G	O	A	O	G	L	P	T
S	F	C	T	L	K	G	N	M	E	N	A	R	B	X	H
H	G	X	M	F	H	X	O	H	M	R	Z	T	J	S	I
E	Z	N	L	V	L	U	R	O	T	O	O	U	G	E	M
D	L	M	A	A	S	E	U	E	U	F	X	S	H	L	Q
D	I	Q	M	F	P	T	R	Y	S	J	B	G	Z	T	B
I	D	P	N	P	H	S	N	G	G	E	Q	N	M	T	A
N	N	S	O	P	N	N	L	N	B	I	L	C	A	A	Q
G	C	C	T	A	V	V	V	J	W	S	B	A	Q	R	K
L	B	T	K	Q	P	I	H	W	H	C	A	O	C	Q	Y
I	L	E	O	E	R	Y	I	Q	Q	B	M	N	B	S	V

Find and circle these words associated with snakes found in Oklahoma:

Rattles
Shedding
Venomous
Copperhead

Ratsnake
Gartersnake
Scales
Pygmy

Kingsnake
Coachwhip
Fangs
Cottonmouth

Some COOL FACTS about the Western Diamond-backed Rattlesnake:

- It is one of seven venomous snake species in Oklahoma.
- It has dark, diamond-shaped dorsal blotches edged in white.
- A light line runs from the eye back to the corner of the mouth.
- It has large rattles at the end of the tail.
- It is active day and night during milder weather, but only at night during summer.
- It hibernates in large numbers in dens.
- The female gives birth to live young.
- The young are born venomous.
- It prefers to live in dry areas with rocky outcrops or bluffs.
- It is an ambush hunter, waiting for prey to come to it.
- Rodents, rabbits, lizards, and ground-dwelling birds make up most of its prey.
- When disturbed, it will curl up and shake the rattle on its tail.
- It will avoid confrontation, but can become aggressive and strike.



GREG SILVAREDES' PHOTO SHOWCASE 2020



JEREMAH ZURENDA



Color a Critter: Western Diamond-backed Rattlesnake

