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## Instant ID

- A very large constrictor, which can grow to 20 feet in length
- Body is tan with puzzle piece or giraffe-like dark markings
- Head is triangle-shaped with a dark arrow-shaped wedge

## Hijacked Habitats

- Native to southeastern Asia
- Introduced to Florida via pet trade escapes and releases
- Breeding population centered in the Everglades
- Sporadic reports throughout Florida and recent federal reports suggests entire state is at risk

## Favorite Foods

- Animals ranging in size from mice to alligators





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## Critter Characteristics

- Can pose a threat to native wildlife and pets
- Preys upon native wildlife
- Forked tongue and Jacobson's organ are special adaptations for chemoreception (similar to sense of smell)
- Young pythons thought to stay in trees

## Population Prevention

- Do not release any pets into the wild
- Thought to be responsible for a major reduction in native wildlife in the habitats where it is found
- Support removal programs instituted by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

