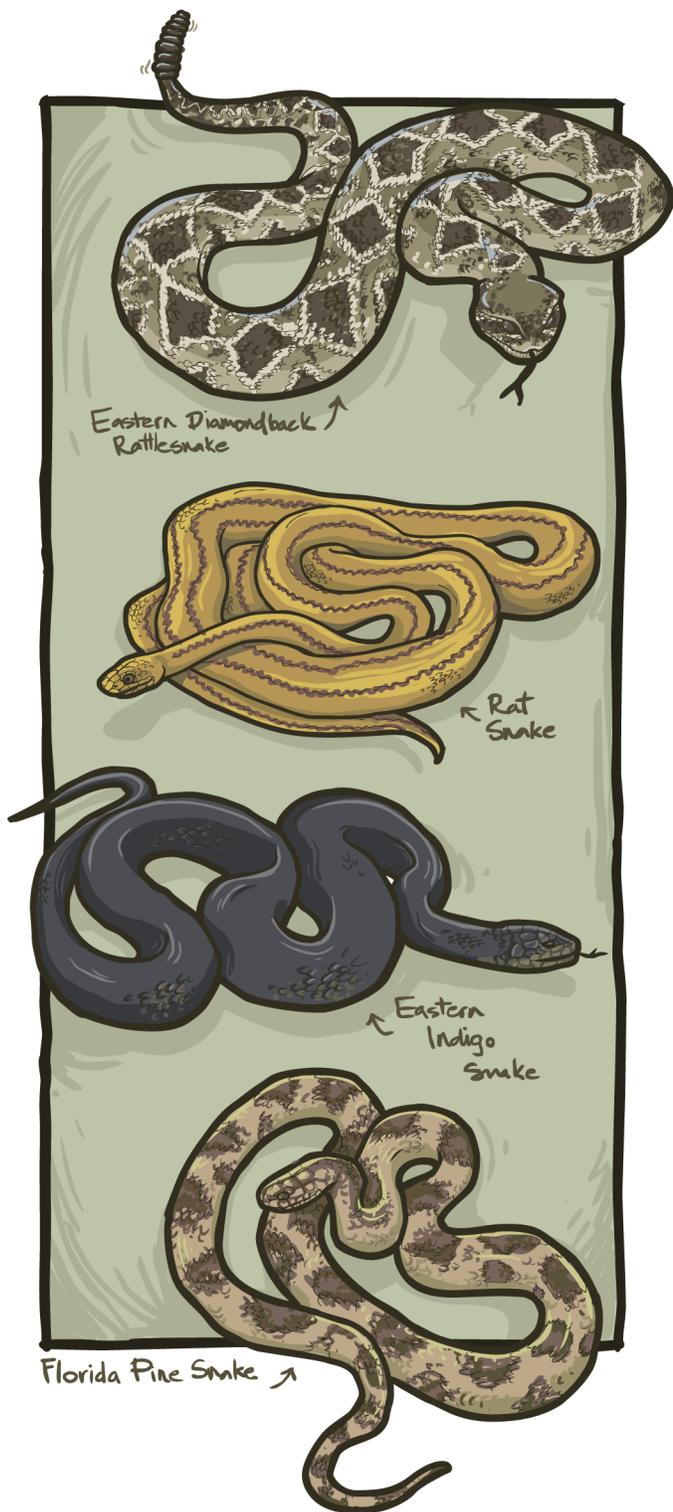


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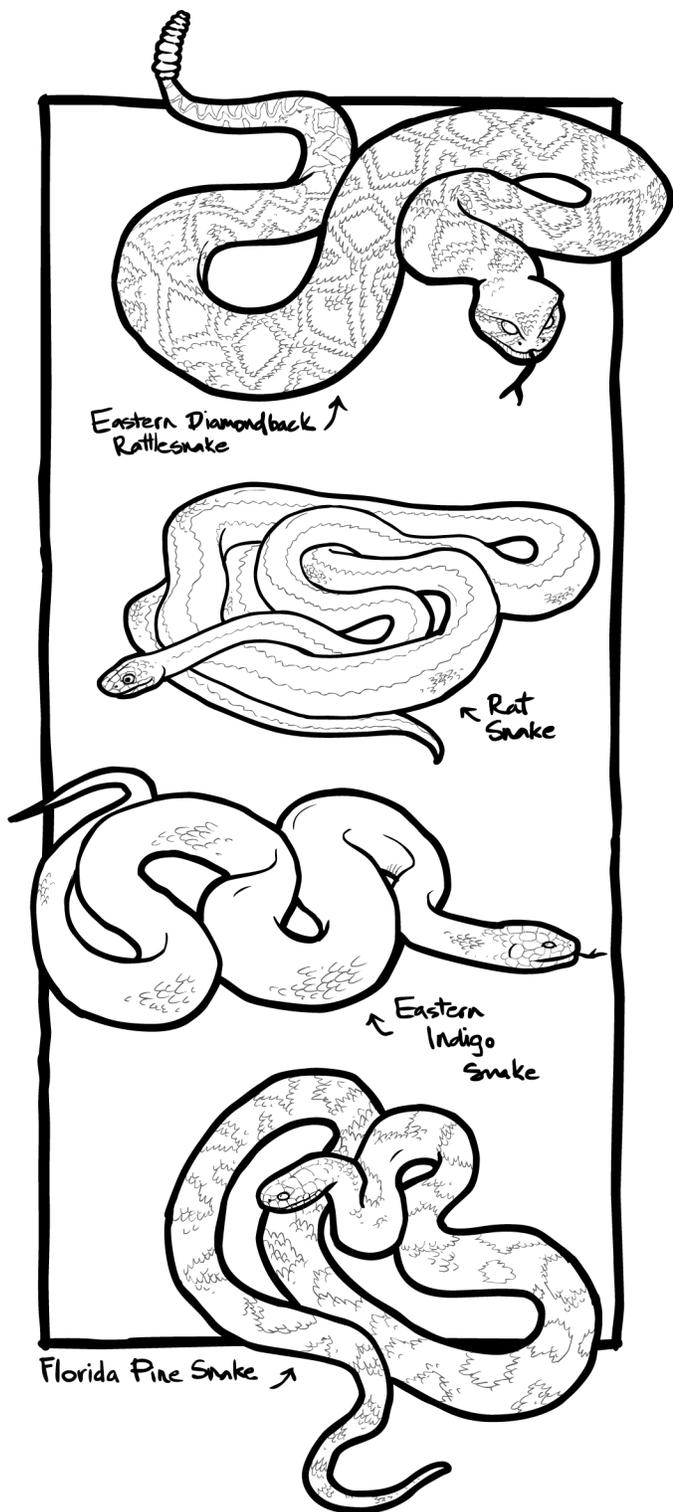
- **Eastern Diamondback:** large venomous rattlesnake with vertical pupils and black diamonds down its back
- **Eastern Rat Snake:** typical constrictor with yellow body and four darker stripes running from head to tail
- **Eastern Indigo:** heavy, thick, black snake that reflects blue and has a cream to rust colored chin
- **Florida Pine Snake:** powerfully built constrictor with an upturned, pointed nose and light-colored body accented by darker blotches along its back

Native Niches

- Snakes are found in all Florida habitats
- Areas high in prey are more likely to have snakes
- Good places to find snakes are in sunny patches and under logs and leaves

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Favorite Foods

- All snakes are carnivores, most eat rodents
- Can swallow prey three times the size of their head
- Specializing to one type of prey limits competition between species

Critter Characteristics

- Over 40 species and 70 subspecies native to Florida
- 6 venomous species in Florida
- Snakes feel vibrations in the ground through their bellies

Population Protection

- The pine snake and indigo snake are protected species
- Conserving habitat and sharing space with snakes is the best way to protect them
- Watch for and avoid hitting snakes as they cross roads
- Never touch wildlife, including snakes