

The Timber Rattlesnake

The timber rattlesnake or banded rattlesnake is an endangered species of pit viper.

Like other pit vipers, it has an extremely venomous bite. Adult timber rattlesnakes are usually thirty-six to sixty inches long. Timber rattlesnakes are found in the eastern half of the United States including New York all the way to Florida. The main reason it is endangered is habitat destruction and fragmentation, mostly in Ohio, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Female timber rattlesnakes often bask in the sun before giving birth. In the winter timber rattlesnakes brumate in dens regularly sharing it with rat snakes and copperheads. They also are likely to return to the same wintering den each year. The timber rattlesnakes have a pattern of dark brown crossbands it may be “M-shaped” or “V-shaped”. the tails of timber rattlesnakes are black.

One reason we can help timber rattlesnakes is stop urban development. The second reason we can help is that if you see a timber rattlesnake then don't kill or harm them and they will not bite unless you threatened or provoke it.

The last reason why is that if you encounter one in the wild do not try to relocate or handle it on your own.

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