

# HARBOR WILDLIFE CONTROL

## Snakes of Maine



### Garter Snake

It can be quite variable in appearance, including individuals with brightly colored yellow, green and blue stripes that run lengthwise along its body and a grayish-blue underside to checkered varieties, to darker and more solid-colored animals with limited pattern.

- 24 - 36 inches



### Northern Black Racer

- Back glossy black, belly gray
- Found in open, habitats such as grasslands, shrub lands and reverting agricultural areas
- Eats amphibians, small birds, small mammals, insects and other snakes
- The Racer is an aggressive snake
- 20 - 60 inches



### Northern Water Snake

- Dark brown to gray with reddish brown/black blotches along back
- Found in aquatic and semiaquatic habitats
- Eats primarily fish
- It is known to defend itself aggressively and can deliver a painful but non-venomous bite.
- 24 - 42 inches



### Brown Snake

- Brown with rows of black spots on back, dark diagonal streak behind eyes
- Found in rural areas and mixed forest, both wet and dry
- Eats primarily earthworms and slugs
- 48 - 96 inches (Largest snake in Maine)



### **Red Bellied Snake**

- Belly red to orange
- Found in woodlands, along shorelines
- Eats slugs, earthworms and insects with soft bodies
- 3 - 4 inches (Smallest snake in Maine)



### **Ring Neck Snake**

- Yellow, gold or orange neck ring; gray, brown, black back; yellow belly
- Found in woodlands
- Eats amphibians, insects, worms and small snakes
- 10 - 15 inches



### **Smooth Green Snake**

- Back grass green, underside pale yellow or white
- Found in upland meadows, open areas, open woods, gardens
- Eats primarily insects
- 14 - 20 inches



### **Ribbon Snake**

- Similar in appearance to garter snake
- Found in semiaquatic habitats
- Eats primarily amphibians
- 16 - 35 inches



### **Eastern Milk Snake**

- Gray/tan with brown or reddish-brown blotches
- Found in mixed farmlands; dry, open woodlands; sometimes near human dwellings
- Eats rodents, birds, eggs, other snakes and amphibians
- 24 - 42 inches