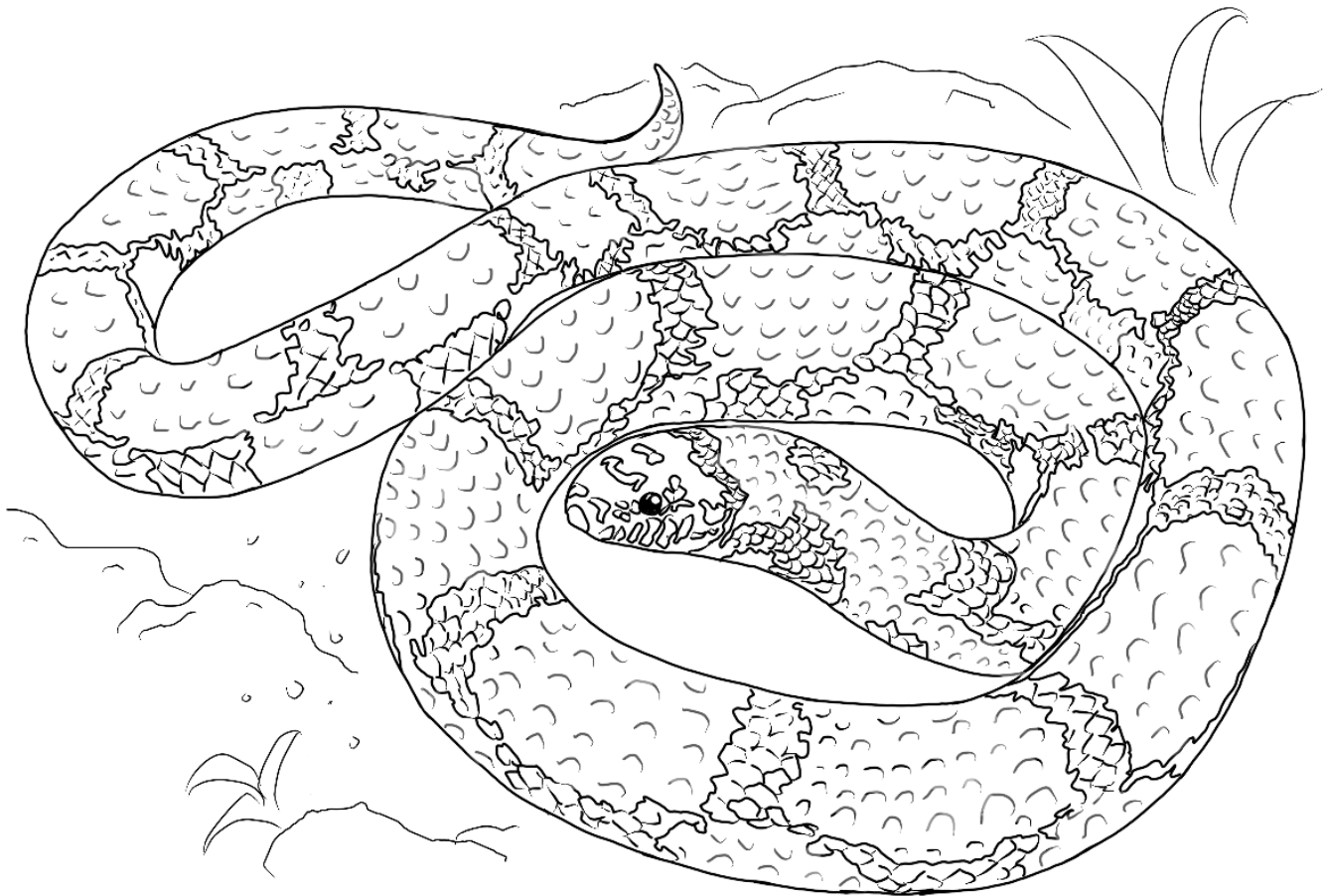


Eastern Kingsnake

Lampropeltis getula

The “kingsnake” name refers to the fact that other snakes, including venomous species, are a principle food source for the kingsnake. They also eat rodents, lizards, birds and eggs, and turtle eggs.

Kingsnakes are non-venomous but will bite when cornered and allowed no avenue for escape. Their jaws are quite strong and the bite can be very painful. They are immune to the venom of indigenous venomous snakes, and they are aggressive in subduing and consuming venomous species. They are powerful constrictors. “Chain” Kingsnake is another popular name for the eastern kingsnake.



FLINT RIVER  QUARIUM
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

flintriverquarium.com