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Brightly-colored Gray-Banded Kingsnakes are not as commonly seen as other tri-colored Kingsnakes.
(Photograph by Joe Pierce)

COMMON NAME: Gray-Banded Kingsnake

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Lampropeltis alterna*

IDENTIFICATION: A slender Kingsnake that averages 3 feet in length when adult. Although most individuals have the typical banded pattern of gray alternating with red bands or blotches, many color variations have been noted, including patterns without any gray color at all.

HABITS: These Kingsnakes are highly secretive and come out at night to hunt for the lizards, frogs, small snakes and the small rodents it consumes. They are much more common than once was believed and can be encountered in flat desert areas, crossing roads after the summer rains, in rocky canyons, and in forest areas in the mountains.

REPRODUCTION: Females lay an average of 4 to 8 eggs beneath stones or logs in moist locations. Neonates may have little resemblance to their parents or siblings.

RANGE: Trans-Pecos region of Texas into Mexico.

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Covering the entire Southwest this book is a must for hikers, hunters, campers, and all outdoor enthusiasts! With more than eighty photographs and illustrations, and hundreds of listings, this book is the definitive, easy-to-use guide for Southwestern reptiles!



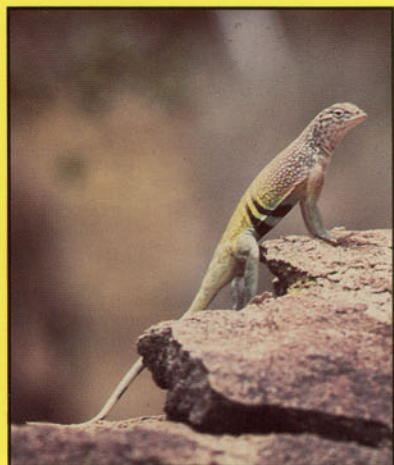
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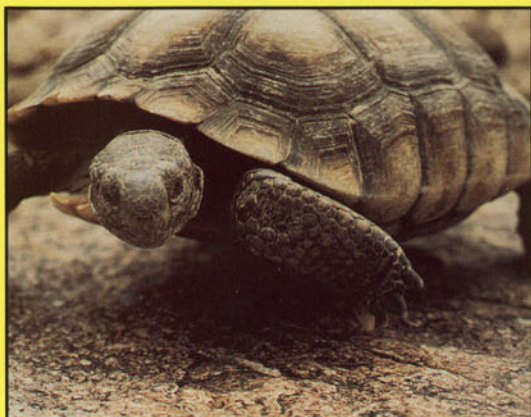
Rattlesnake



Gray-Banded Kingsnake



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Erik Stoops and Annette Wright have more than twenty years of combined experience with snakes and reptiles. Through raising, handling, and teaching about these animals, they have developed an intense appreciation for these fascinating creatures.

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