



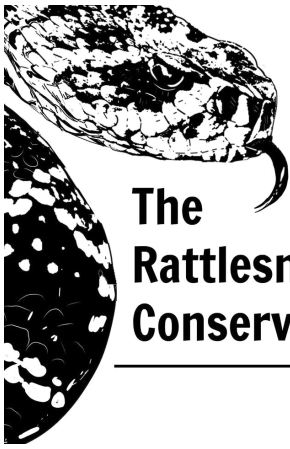
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# **RATTLESNAKES** of Florida coloring book

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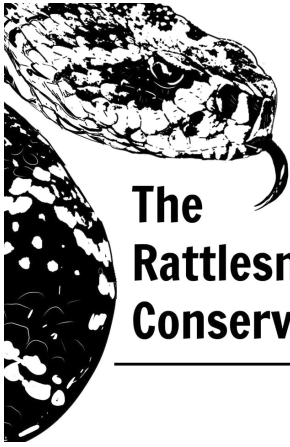
# Eastern Diamondback

*Crotalus adamanteus*

The eastern diamondback is a large rattlesnake known for its diamond pattern with average adults reaching lengths between 36-72 inches! These impressive snakes can be found throughout Florida, even in the keys and barrier islands. The eastern diamondback feeds on warm blooded prey that many consider to be pests, and can be found in a variety of upland habitats including pine flatwoods, longleaf pine and turkey oak, sand pine scrub areas, sandhills, coastal dunes, and barrier islands.

**How to color:** The eastern diamondback rattlesnake has a tan body with dark diamonds down its back that are lighter brown in the center and have cream colored borders. The large, thick head has a dark stripe through each eye with cream colored borders and cream colored vertical stripes on the snout. The diamond pattern usually fades to a brownish colored tail that ends in a tan colored rattle.





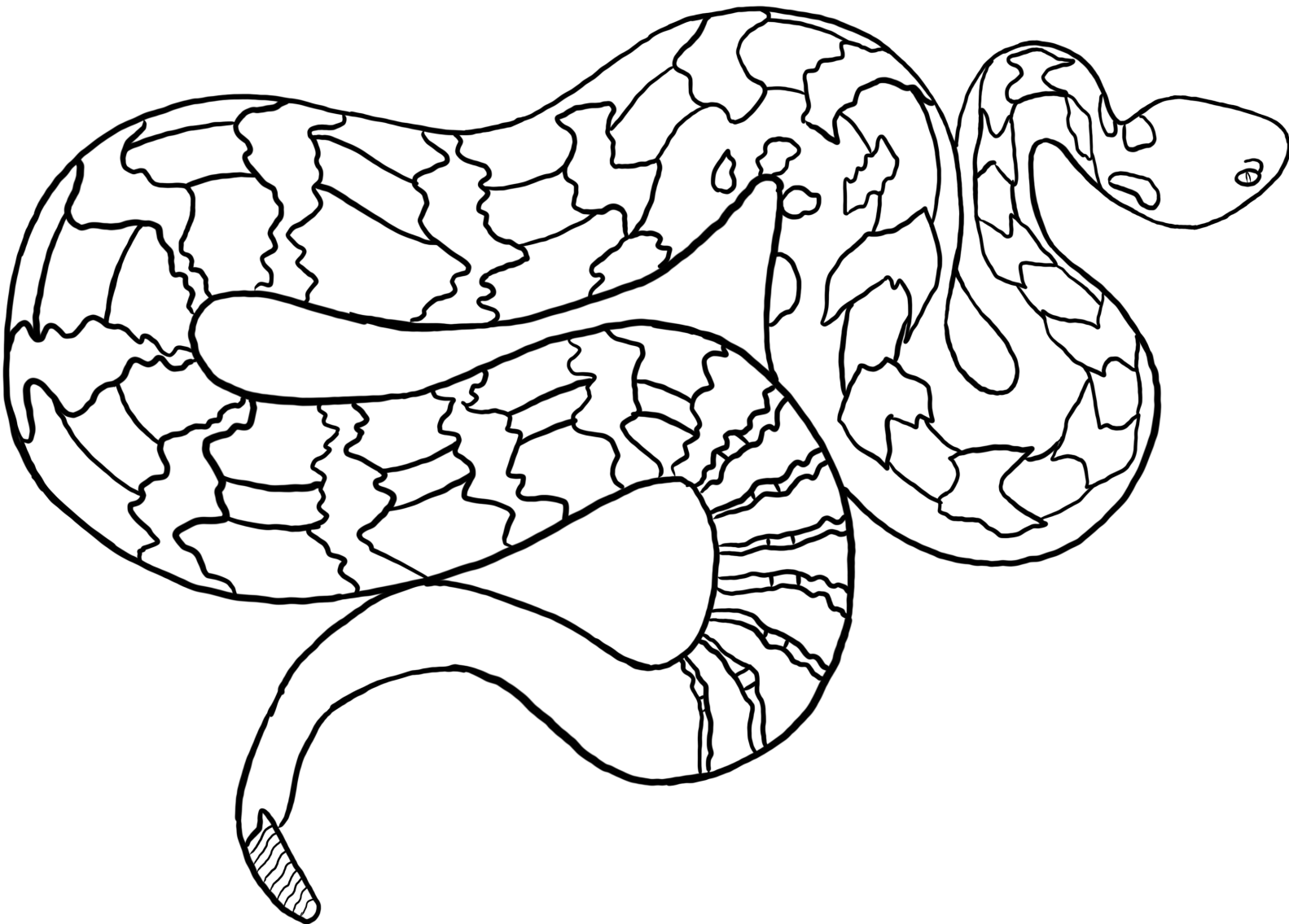
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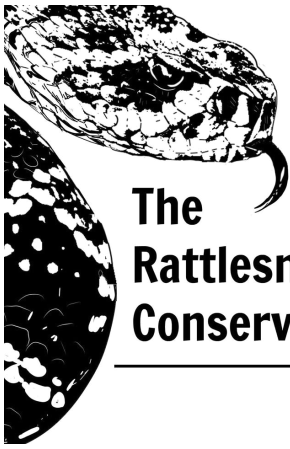
# Canebrake / Timber

*Crotalus horridus*

The canebrake, or timber rattlesnake, is a large, thick bodied snake with average adults reaching lengths between 36-60 inches! This snake has a very limited range in Florida, and can only be found in the northern portion of the state where its unique pattern provides the perfect camouflage to blend in with its surroundings. The canebrake rattlesnake can be found throughout its range in low, damp bottomlands like river beds, hardwood hammocks, pine flatwoods, swamps, and cane thickets.

**How to color:** The canebrake, or timber rattlesnake has a pinkish tan or gray colored body with a rust colored stripe down the center of its back. It has a unique pattern of black, chevron crossbands with a black tail that ends in a light colored rattle.





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# Dusky Pygmy

*Sistrurus miliarius barbouri*

The dusky pygmy rattlesnake is the smallest species of rattlesnake in Florida, with adults typically reaching lengths between 12-24 inches long. This snake can be found throughout Florida, except in the Florida Keys. The dusky pygmy rattlesnake can thrive in a wide variety of lowland habitat including pine flatwoods, prairies, freshwater marshes, cypress domes, and swamps. A protein discovered in the venom of the dusky pygmy rattlesnake was used to create the drug Eptifibatide, which helps prevent blood clots during heart attacks and other cardiovascular episodes!

**How to color:** The dusky pygmy rattlesnake is light to dark gray with darker, black colored blotches along the length of its body. It often has a brownish, rust colored stripe down the center of its back and dark stripes on the sides and top of the head.

