



Honduran Milk Snake

Lampropeltis triangulum hondurensis

Description: This is a medium to large constrictor. Their colors are arranged in patterns of banded stripes. The pattern is red, black, yellow, black, red.

Range: Honduran milk snakes are found mainly in their name sake, Honduras, but are also found in much of the Central American region.

Habitat: These snakes are found in tropical climates and jungles where a lot of moisture is present.

Life Span: In the wild they will live 15-20 years, but in captivity can live well over 20 years.

Natural Diet: Small mammals, lizards, and occasionally eggs.

Zoo Diet: Mice or rats.

Behavior: This is a solitary, nocturnal snake. They are docile and non-venomous using constriction to catch prey. It has been said that they got their name from farmers who used to catch them in their barns, claiming that they were drinking the milk from their cows, when in reality they were probably living off mice.

Reproduction: Breeding takes place in late spring or early summer. In June females will congregate in a communal location, laying 3-18 eggs in the leaf litter of the forest. The young will hatch in about 10 weeks.

Conservation Status: Has not been assessed by the IUCN.



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