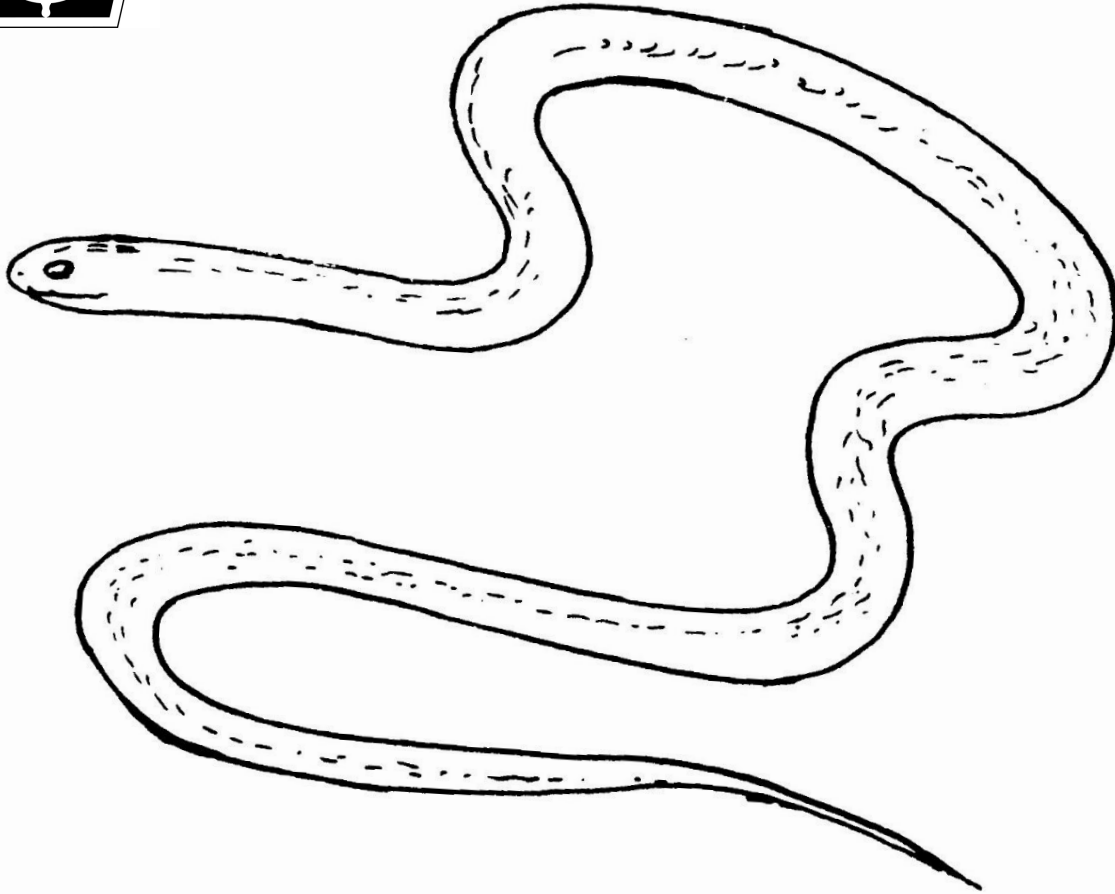




PA's Amphibian and Reptile Coloring Series

Northern Rough Greensnake



All About Me: Hello! I am a Northern Rough Greensnake. We are currently listed as Endangered in Pennsylvania. We are very agile and can move swiftly as we climb through bushes and trees. We are mild-tempered and not easily agitated when confronted. We are 22 to 32 inches long and are the largest of the state's two green snakes. We have a slender body with a long, tapering tail. Our body color is a light or pale green throughout; except for our white or yellow-green bellies. We have no markings. Our scales are sharply keeled, which is where we get our name from. We are found only in two small areas of the state, in each of the southern corners. We are arboreal because we spend most of our time in bushes, trees, and vines, such as greenbriers. We really like dense growth near a stream or lake. We are excellent climbers and blend well with our background, our green color easily melts into the surrounding foliage. We are also good swimmers and do not hesitate to glide quickly and silently into water if disturbed. We forage for food as we move gracefully through the inner branches of a basket willow or other small tree or shrub. We hunt crickets, spiders, caterpillars and grasshoppers mainly.