Photos or Information about Eastern Ribbonsnake sightings.
Please look carefully for these important differences.

Eastern Ribbonsnake (rare in Vermont)
- White Upper Lip
- Mahogany Head
- Cleanly Marked
- Yellow stripes higher up on sides (scale rows 3 and 4)
- Mahogany stripe on lower sides

Common Gartersnake (common in Vermont)
- Yellow Upper Lip
- Olive green head
- Not as cleanly marked
- Yellow stripes lower on body (scale rows 2 and 3)
- May or may not have mahogany stripe

We have been gathering reports of all species of reptiles and amphibians in Vermont since 1994. One of our current target species is the Eastern Ribbonsnake. At first glance, the Eastern Ribbonsnake looks like a very thin Gartersnake with a long and finely-tapered tail. Check for the white lips, reddish head, and mahogany stripe on the lower sides of the Ribbonsnake. Photographs or clear descriptions of these and any other wild reptile or amphibian found would be appreciated. Please include dates, specific locations, and contact information with your reports and send them to:

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