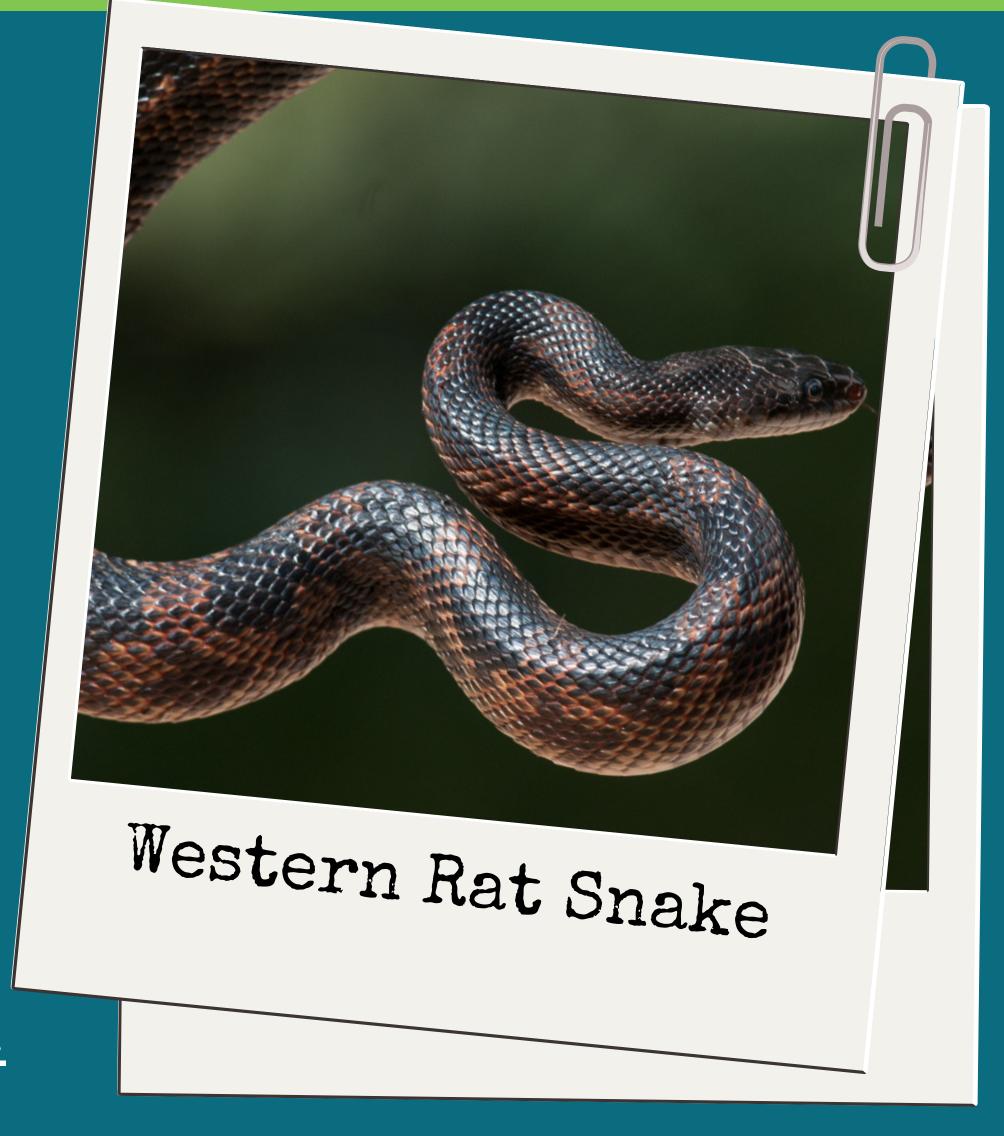
## April

## CRITTER OF THE MONTH

Phylum:
Chordata
Class:
Reptilia
Order:
Squamata
Family:
Colubridae
Genus:



## Characteristics

Pantherophis

- Carnivore
  - Eats mice, rats, other snakes, frogs, lizards, squirrels, rabbits, opossums, songbirds, and bird eggs.
- Nocturnal
  - Most active during the night
- Mating & Breeding
  - o May-June; 1 brood per year, 12-20 eggs per clutch
- Fun Facts
  - o They are semi-arboreal; meaning they climb and hang out in trees
  - When threatened by predators they can produce a foul smelling musk
  - During the winter they will hibernate in dens with other snakes species,
     such as copperheads and timber rattlesnakes