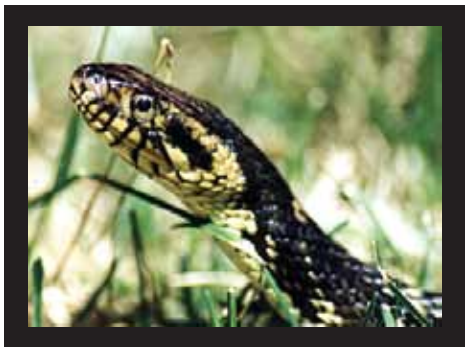


Have you seen this snake?

This is a southern water snake (*Nerodia fasciata*), introduced to the Folsom area from the southeastern United States (Georgia and Florida). The species has become established here, and we are presently trying to determine the limits of its range in northern California. If you see this snake in the wild, please call Peter Balfour or Adam Ballard, at ECORP Consulting Inc.

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There is a black stripe from the eye to the back corner of the mouth. The body is usually black with orange bands, and no yellow stripes or blotches. Large individuals may be entirely black. This snake may be large (3.5 to 4.5 feet in length). It is thick-bodied, fast moving and will escape into water.

Should you capture one, the underside has a white background color, with small bands of orange, red and/or black (see photo at right).

