

DANGER

EASTERN CORAL SNAKE (*Micrurus fulvius fulvius*)



AVOID ALL RED, YELLOW AND BLACK SNAKES

The eastern coral snake is one of six venomous snakes found in Florida. It is related to cobras, mambas and kraits. Coral snakes are found in suburban areas often crossing driveways or crawling in yards, especially during the spring and cool fall months. They are most often encountered in the late morning and early dusk. Coral snakes are often confused with the harmless scarlet king snake and the Florida scarlet snake which share similar color patterns. However, the red and yellow bands of the Coral snake touch. The red and yellow bands of the harmless mimics are separated by black bands. The head of the coral snake is black with a yellow ring, and the head of the mimics are red in color. Some color variations are known to occur. Bites occur as a result of intentionally handling or picking up the snake. The coral snake possesses powerful venom which may cause the victim to stop breathing, but with proper treatment, death may be prevented. If bitten, call the Florida Poison Information Center immediately. Go directly to an Emergency Department or call 911.



Coral snake-black head



Found Statewide



Harmless Scarlet Kingsnake

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DON'T TOUCH !