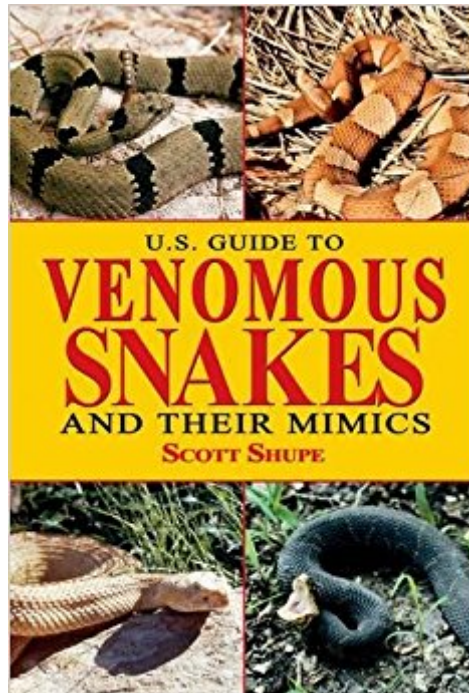




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U.S. Guide To Venomous Snakes And Their Mimics



Synopsis

This easy-to-use guide is the most comprehensive resource for snake admirers in the United States. Full-color photographs for almost every snake in the country make for easy reference, and dividing the snakes based on their regional habitats makes finding the right snake a breeze. Whether you are trying to identify a western coral snake or its mimic, the sonoran shovel nosed snake, Scott Shupe's guide is the extensive handbook for which all snake aficionados have been waiting. With full-color maps and a thorough glossary of terms, you'll be able to identify Arizona black rattlesnakes, eastern cottonmouths, and more in no time! Unlike other snake books, Shupe's guide covers the snake population of the entire United States. His expertise and knowledge of snakes is apparent in the thoughtful descriptions and handy hints on how to tell poisonous snakes from their harmless imitators. He also includes an informative natural history of the reptiles and the scientific terms by which they are referred. As a gift for a young naturalist, a reference book for your library, or a handy tool in a sticky situation, this guide is practical, useful, and fun!

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Customer Reviews

Determining the differences between venomous snakes and their harmless and beneficial look-alikes is now easier with the help of this book. This is a quick, informative and reliable guide to assist you in identifying the small percentage of snakes that pose a real threat. This is a carefully researched 160-pages of detailed information on the natural history of each species and subspecies of venomous snakes. Color-coded range and region maps and full-color photographs provide a complete and accurate guide to all U.S. venomous snakes and their non-venomous imposters.

Within these pages you will find education and information about snakes that dispel myths and misconceptions and offers a great appreciation for these fascinating creatures. -- Mike Roux, Outdoor Guide Magazine, Early Summer 2005

Guide book teaches about venomous snakes and their mimics Killing every snake that might cross your path is not a great idea. Killing harmless snakes is hurting the environment. Now there is a great new book from Stoecker Publishing Company that teaches you about the venomous species and the harmless snakes that look like their dangerous cousins. U.S. GUIDE TO VENOMOUS SNAKES AND THEIR MIMICS by Schott Shupe is a great addition to your collection of identification books. -- Jim Foster, South Padre Press, March 31, 2005

New Guide to Poison Snakes Handy for Outdoor Enthusiasts Anyone who lives in a rural area or who ventures afield for hunting, camping, fishing or other reasons needs to have basic knowledge about venomous snakes, and a number of guides to them have appeared over the years. Unfortunately, most directed at the general public tend to cite only the four main groups: rattlers, corals, copperheads and water moccasins ("Cottonmouths"). There is wide variety within these divisions, and many non-venomous species superficially resemble some of the dangerous ones. The books that delve into much detail, particularly those with good color photos, tend to appeal more to professional scientists and serious amateur naturalists than they do to Joe and Susie Sixpack. (Maybe we'd better call them Charlie and Claire Hunter here...) There has been a real need for a book easily used by hunters, campers, anglers, Scout leaders, and others who aren't interested enough to spend maybe \$60 on a snake book, but who may need detailed photos and text to enable them to identify snakes encountered in the field. If such a book could also function as a really good field guide for the enthusiast, and sell for a modest price, the world would be a better place. Well, the world just improved! Stoecker, famed for the Shooter's Bible gun annual, has just released US Guide to Venomous Snakes and their Mimics. How important is it? Considering that the broad category of rattlesnakes alone contains some 62 known species and over 80 subspecies, one can see that it is important to identify which one of them has bitten someone. This is especially crucial when similar looking species differ significantly in venom. The color photos are clear and profuse, adding greatly to the ease of identifying the reptiles. The different geographic zones in which certain species are found are well defined, and the author admits that there is some overlap at the fringes. US Guide to Venomous Snakes and their Mimics is a profound new work that will be of interest to outdoor enthusiasts of every kind, to doctors and wildlife professionals. -- Jim Williamson, The New Gun Week, April 10, 2005

Shupe has spent much of his life "tracking" snakes to their varying lairs, and passes that information on to readers. -- Glenn Ayers, NC Times News, August 14, 2005 --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Scott Shupe began his naturalist career in 1971 at the famed Ross Allen Reptile Institute in Silver Springs, Florida. He has also worked at Florida's St. Augustine Alligator Farm and at the Black Hills Reptile Gardens in Rapid City, South Dakota. Today he serves as the director of education for the Kentucky Reptile Zoo & Venom Laboratory.

BackgroundI live on 7 + acres with a lot of forest, woods and a pond. I heard about snakes in the area, and I wanted to be well versed with what was a danger and endemic to my region.
OrganizationThe book is well organized covering the United States by region. It shows a distribution map of what snakes live in the respective areas. The details of the snakes, their behavior and toxicity/lethality are covered in a straightforward manner. I determined that there are two snakes that I have to look out for. Now, I'm better prepared for not only my backyard but wherever I travel.
ConclusionGreat easy reference. Especially, great is that I have the Kindle version that works on a Kindle Fire and Apple iPad. Highly recommend.

I was looking for a book that I could grab at a moment's notice at our family's land as there are quite a few snakes out there, and I wanted to be able to identify venomous versus non-venomous snakes rather quickly. This has a very simple table of contents and large clear pictures that are color (obviously) so you can easily identify snakes with it. I keep it just inside the door so we can make sure we identify snakes as quickly as possible. It has enough info to accurately identify snakes, but not too much that you would get lost if looking for info quickly. Great book.

Not user friendly

I originally ordered this for one of my friends who roams the high desert looking for Indian artifacts. Spring is snake time, so I thought this would come in handy for her. I was so impressed with it, I ordered one for myself also, since our yard backs up to a forest. It is a great informational guide.

Extremely informational, and helpful. This gift very distinctively, clearly articulated, facts about the poison snakes throughout america; if you own a house, go to parks, live by grasslands, desserts or lakes, or rocky mountains - Than you need to read this.

My husband is working on getting his venomous permit here in Florida and this book will come in

handy to help him learn more information on all the different snakes he will be able to handle.

Great condition. One crease in one page (possibly from storage) but no markings. Great condition.

Useful and Informative when you like the outdoors. I happen to like snakes as well.

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