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Help Rediscover the South Florida Rainbow Snake

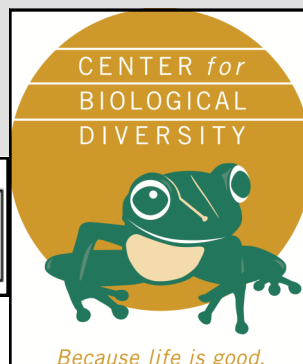
The Center for Snake Conservation and the Center for Biological Diversity are offering \$500 to the first person to document the South Florida rainbow snake, which was prematurely declared extinct



The South Florida rainbow snake is beautifully colored with three red stripes along its iridescent bluish-black back and a belly that is yellow and red with black spots. Photos taken by and used with permission from JD Wilson.

The South Florida rainbow snake is a harmless aquatic snake that feeds exclusively on the American eel. It is known from just three specimens, the last of which was collected in 1952 near Fisheating Creek in Glades County, Fla. On October 6, 2011, the U.S. Fish and Service declared the snake extinct, without conducting any focused surveys and despite anecdotal evidence of snakes eating eels in the vicinity of Palmdale, Fla.

The reward will be given to the first person to document a rainbow snake south of Interstate 4 in South Florida. No harm can come to these highly imperiled snakes. Acceptable documentation includes photos with specific locality information, which can be sent to seminola@snakeconservation.org. If you can humanely capture the snake alive, you should immediately call 770-500-0000 so we can send a biologist out to meet you at the capture site. The biologist will identify the snake, collect scales for DNA analysis, and return the snake to the wild unharmed. Please hold live snakes in containers with breathing holes.



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