

# Kingsnake

"Squiggles"  
Scarlet kingsnake  
*Lampropeltis elapsoides*



**This species of kingsnake can be told apart from its venomous look alike, Coral snake, by the color patterns of their scales. Red and yellow never touch on a scarlet kingsnake.**



# Ratsnakes

"Blaze" & "Pearl"  
Red ratsnake *Elaphe guttata*



Also known as a  
"corn snake"  
because they are  
typically found in  
corn fields.

All species of rat  
snakes may vibrate  
their tails in attempt to  
trick a predator into  
confusing them for a  
rattlesnake.





**"Frank"**  
**Florida Box Turtle**  
*Terrapene carolina bauri*



**Box turtles stay under bushes and trees to stay cool on a hot day. These turtles can have a habitat area equal to a football field.**



- The ball python is quite simply the most popular pet python in the world.
- Ball pythons are native to central and western Africa.
- They are known as the "Royal Python" in many parts of the world and are considered sacred.

"Jewel"  
Royal ball python *Python regius*





# Blue tongue skinks

- Blue tongue skinks live mostly underground. Scales over the ear openings prevent dirt from getting into their ears.
- These lizards have adapted to shelter under a variety of human debris, garden plants and are common inhabitants of many suburban areas throughout Eastern Australia.
- When threatened, these lizards open their mouth wide and stick out their broad, blue tongue. This display may frighten off potential predators.



"Egor"  
*Tiliqua scincoides*

Here is their  
external ear.



A Blue tongue  
skink's track!







Baby alligators have stripes to help them blend in with their surroundings.



## Red-Eared Slider "Tutti"

- Are not native to Florida
- Outcompete native turtles for food, basking spots
- Tutti was donated to our facility in 2013 for educational purposes and to compare to our native species of turtles.



# Florida Red Bellied Turtle “Frutti”

---



- Not all have red bellies. Some are yellowish, like Frutti.
- May lay their eggs in the nest mounds of alligators.
- Frutti hatched from an alligator nest!