

Watch out for Snakes

Tip of the Month - June

With the warmer weather we've had recently, snakes become more active and are out and about during the day. They often are seen near paths which are warm in the summer sun. However, this makes them very vulnerable to bicycles and cars. Please pay attention when you are riding or driving and if you see a snake, slow down and let them pass. Most local snakes are not venomous and are important predators in our ecosystem. Here are two commonly seen examples:



Santa Cruz Aquatic Garter Snake

Thamnophis atratus atratus



Pacific Gopher Snake

Pituophis catenifer

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