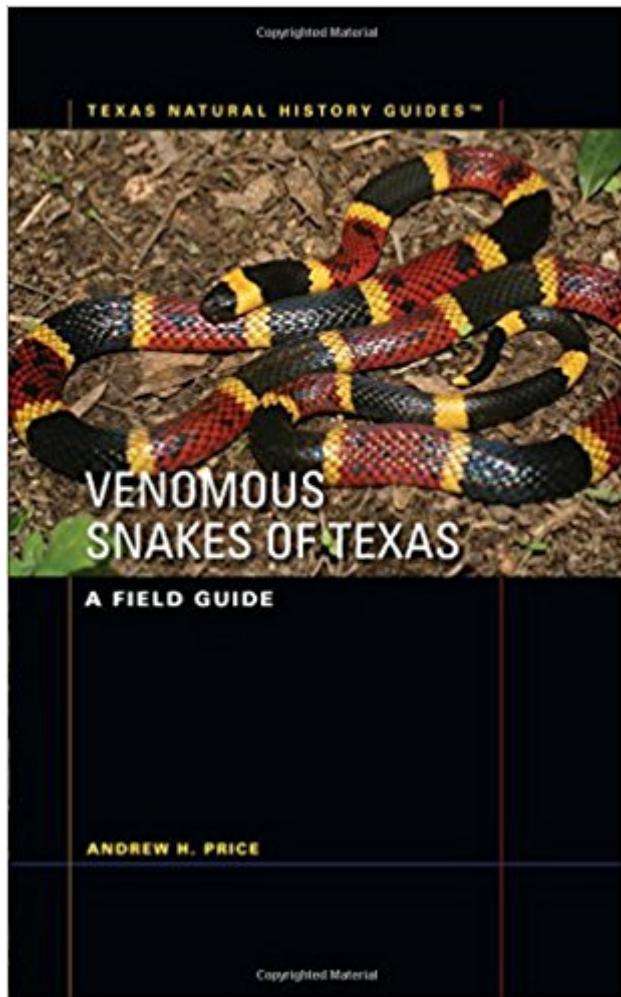


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# Venomous Snakes Of Texas: A Field Guide (Texas Natural History Guides)



## **Synopsis**

Texas has about one hundred twenty native species and subspecies of snakes, fifteen of which are venomous. Since 1950, Texans have turned to the Poisonous Snakes of Texas pamphlet series published by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for help in identifying these snakes and for expert advice on preventing and treating snakebite. Venomous Snakes of Texas, a thoroughly revised and updated edition of Poisonous Snakes, carries on this tradition as a one-stop, all-you-need-to-know guide to Texas's rattlesnakes, copperheads, cottonmouths, and coral snakes. In this authoritative field guide, you'll find: Full-color photographs and a county-by-county distribution map for each species. Each species' common and scientific name, description, look-alikes, and a summary sketch of its habitat, behavior, reproduction, venom characteristics, predator-prey relationships, and fossil record. Up-to-date advice on recognizing venomous snakes and preventing and treating snakebite, both at home and in the field. A glossary of terms and an extensive bibliography. A special feature of this guide is an expanded treatment of the ecological and evolutionary context in which venomous snakes live, which supports Price's goal "to lessen the hatred and fear and to increase the understanding, the respect, and even the appreciation with which venomous snakes should be regarded."

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

ANDREW H. PRICE was until recently a Natural Resources Scientist in the Wildlife Diversity

Program of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. He is also a Research Fellow of the Texas Memorial Museum at the University of Texas at Austin.

This is a good book for those wanting a mini-biology lesson about venomous snakes. The book is well-written and easy to read, and for a small field guide there is quite a bit of information packed into each section. It's a good book for those who just want a basic summary of each type of venomous snake. Each venomous snake is given a detailed physical description (including anatomy diagrams) and descriptions of habitat (including geographical maps), behavior, reproduction, prey/predators, and venom characteristics. There is also a color photo of each snake. The book also states that the author's goal is to reduce the incidence of snakebite. To that end, the book includes helpful information about understanding where snakes live, how to avoid and protect against snakebites, recognizing venomous snakes, and first aid (what to do if bitten).

This is more than a field guide. Yes, excellent pictures are here as well as ecological data, distinguishing field marks to aid proper classification, and behavior information. That is just the beginning. Venom characteristics are detailed with great care. Nowhere else that we know of in a field guide are bite symptoms described, discussed, categorized and cataloged as a percent of actual bite victims. And speaking of victims, Andrew Price's description of not to do stupid things (getting bit) is followed by comprehensive and up to date do's and don'ts for field treatment of bites. The glossary is extensive and easily understood. And, scholarly references are comprehensive. This book is a hardened herpetologists friend and an amateurs learning companion.

I now know what I expected....those were copper heads in my flower bed! Thank you for the great snake ID book.

Consider it a very good reference for identifying snake sun bathing on your porch or snoozing curled up in your hiking boot.

Nice info and photos

Nice.

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