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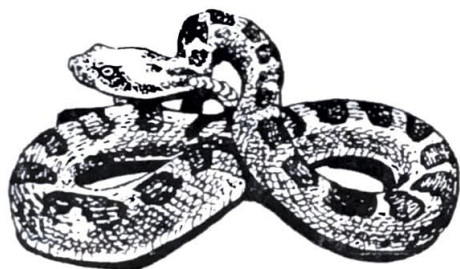
Common Mud Dauber



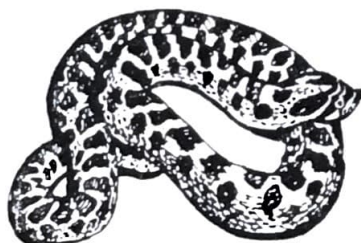
Blue Mud Dauber



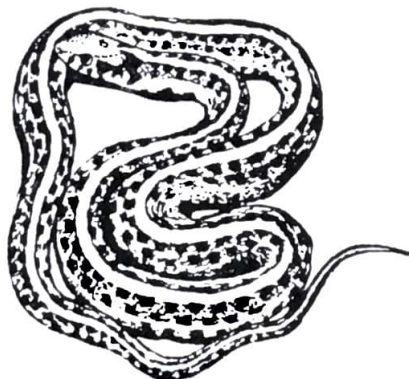
Yellow Jacket



Prairie Rattlesnake



Hognose



Western Plains Garter Snake

Visitors should be aware of wildlife and domestic animals around the fort. Please use common sense while enjoying your stay with us. **Do not** provoke or annoy snakes, livestock, or insects for your own safety.

Ants, wasps, yellow jackets, and bees are found at the site. Stinging incidents usually occur in August and September, but be wary throughout the spring and summer. Wasps are especially present on the upper levels of the fort. Do not let an insect cause you to fall. Remember, they will usually leave you alone if you don't provoke them.

Do not wander off the trail from the contact station to the fort. Rattlesnakes may be found in the fields. Similarly, do not disturb logs or woodpiles in and around the site.

Visitors should view the back corral from the bastion on the second level for their own safety. Be aware of your surroundings. Contact a costumed or uniformed staff member in case of a sting or bite. They have first aid materials. Do not hesitate to ask further questions if we can help you.

