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Animal Fact Sheet

Black Racer



- **Latin Name:** Coluber Constrictor
- **Size:** 34-77ins.
- **Weight:** Varies
- **Sexual Maturity:** 2-3 Years.
- **Mating:** April-late May, 1-2 months earlier in deep South.
- **Gestation:** 1 ½ - 3 months. Eggs hatch in 6-9 weeks.
- **Number of young:** 5-28 eggs. Young are 8 to 13 in. long.
- **Habitat:** Fields, grasslands, prairie land, grass bordered streams.
- **Range:** Eastern United States.
- **Lifespan:** 3-8 years in the wild.
- **Diet:** Large insects, frogs, snakes, small rodents and birds.
- **Status:** Not threatened.

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- **Name:** Velvet
- **Age:** 3 Years.
- **Diet:** Mice
- **Lifespan in captivity:** 11 Years.

Interesting Facts about Black Racers.

- Regardless of the fact that the Black Racer's Scientific name is Coluber Constrictor, it is not a constrictor at all. It kills its prey one of two ways 1) suffocates it with a bite to the throat or 2) rams it into a tree.
- It is the fastest snake in Kentucky.
- Like the rat snake it has been known to become so hungry that it will die eating itself, starting from the tip.