



# CALIFORNIA KINGSNAKE

*(Lampropeltis getula californiae)*

## ANIMAL FACTS

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### WILD LOCALITY:

Western United States & Mexico

### HABITAT:

Forested Areas, Grasslands, Marshes, & Deserts

### LIFESTYLE:

Terrestrial (ground-dwelling)

### DIET:

Small Mammals, Birds, Eggs, Lizards, Frogs, & Other Snakes (carnivore)

### LIFE EXPECTANCY:

15-25 years in the care of humans  
(less in the wild)

### ADULT SIZE:

4-6 ft, & 900-1,400g

### ACTIVITY:

Cathemeral (active in the day or night)

### THREATS:

Habitat Loss

### FUN FACTS:

There are over 40 different species in the Kingsnake genus. They are very opportunistic feeders, & may eat a number of different types of animals; even other snakes (venomous species included!) All species of snakes are an amazing part of the food chain, & should always be left alone whenever seen in nature. Though they may look threatening at times, Kingsnakes are harmless to humans.