
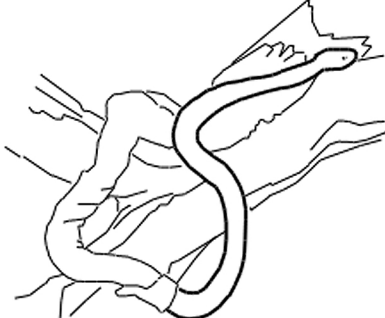




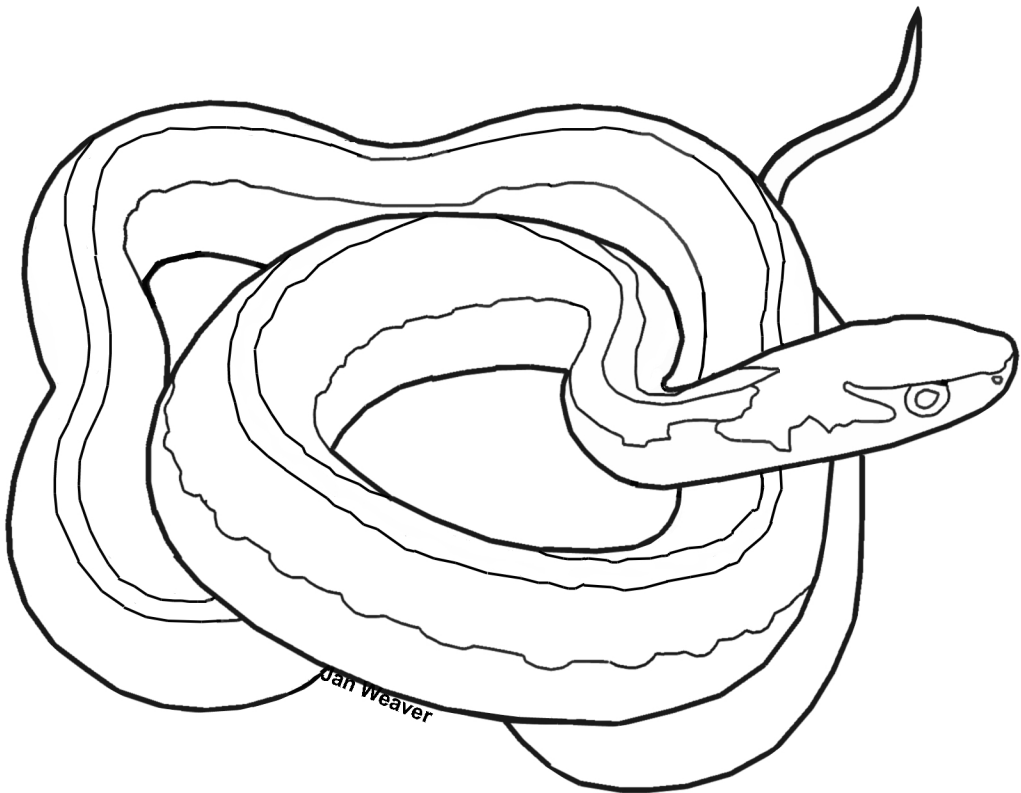








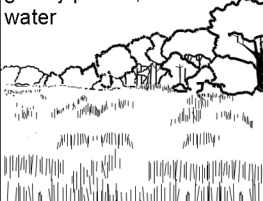

	January	<h1 style="text-align: center;">Garter Snake</h1> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thamnophis sirtalis</i></p>		<p>iNaturalist - https://www.inaturalist.org/taxa/28362-Thamnophis-sirtalis</p> <p>BioKids - http://www.biokids.umich.edu/critters/Thamnophis_sirtalis/</p>	
	February	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Like all snakes, garter snakes shed their skin all in one piece. Shortly before shedding their skin, it separates from the new scales that have formed underneath it. The snake breaks the skin at the mouth and wiggles out of it head first. Sometimes you can find a whole shed skin where the snake left it.</p> </div>		<p>Coloring Guide yellow or buff line along the center of the back, black lines on either side of that and yellow or buff sides and belly, black head</p>	
	March			<p>Size length - 55 cm (22") weight - 150 g (5.3 oz)</p>	
	April			<p>Human Connection Garter snakes are one of the most common snakes in North America. While their bite is harmless to humans, they do have a venom that is toxic to frogs.</p>	
	May			<p>What eats Garter Snakes crayfish, king snakes, coral snakes, crows, hawks, raccoons, domestic cats and dogs; young snakes are eaten by frogs and shrews</p>	
	June			<div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="text-align: center;">Jan Weaver</p> </div>	
	July				
	August				
	September				
	October			<p>Family Relations <i>Thamnophis sirtalis</i> is in the Thamnophis Genus (slender, longitudinal stripes) Colubrid Family (no front teeth, wide belly scales), Squamata Order (lizards and snakes), Reptile Class (lays eggs on land), Chordate Phylum (has a dorsal nerve cord), Animal Kingdom (moves and eats)</p>	
	November			<p>North American Distribution</p>  <p>  winter  summer </p>	<p>Habitat (home/food/water) meadows, marshes, woodlands, hillsides, moist, grassy places, near water</p> 
	December				