

DIETS FOR SNAKES

The best captive diets reflect what the free-living animal feeds on in their natural environment. However the natural prey may not be available. The following is a guide for the diet of some types of snakes.

Species	Adults	Juvenile
Acrochordidae		
Elephant trunk snake	fish	
Anomalepididae		
Blind snakes	arthropods	
Boidae		
Burmese python	mammals, birds	
Carpet python	mammals, birds	
Diamond python	mammals, birds	
Reticulated python	mammals, birds	
Royal python	mammals, birds	
Blood python	mammals, birds	
Rock python	mammals, birds	lizards
Green tree python	mammals, birds	lizards
Anaconda	fish, mammals, birds	
Boa constrictor	mammals, birds	
Dumeril's boa	mammals, birds	
Tree boa	mammals, birds	
Solomon Island boa	lizards, mammals, birds	
Rubber boa	lizards, mammals	
Amazon boa	mammals, birds	lizards
Emerald boa	mammals, birds	lizards
Annulated tree boa	mammals, birds	lizards
Rainbow boa	mammals, birds	fish, amphibians
Sand Boas	mammals	lizards
Rosy Boas	mammals	
Colubridae		
Garter, Ribbon	fish, amphibians, mammals	
Glossy	lizards, mammals	
Hognose	amphibians, mammals	
Indigo	fish, mammals, birds	amphibians, lizards
Kingsnakes	mammals	lizards
Long-nosed	lizards, mammals	
Madagascan hognose	mammals, birds	
Milksnakes	mammals	lizards
Racers	mammals, birds	lizards
Ratsnakes	mammals, birds	amphibians, lizards
Elapidae		
Most cobras	mammals, birds	
King cobra	snakes, mammals	
Kraits	mammals, birds	

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Loxocemidae Mexican burrowing "python"	mammals	amphibians, lizards
Uropeltidae Short-tail snakes	arthropods	
Viperidae Cottonmouth	fish, mammals, birds	amphibians
Rattlesnakes	mammals, birds	lizards
Calloselasma <i>spp.</i>	mammals, birds	amphibians, lizards
Bothriechis <i>spp.</i>	mammals, birds	amphibians, lizards
Bothriopsis <i>spp.</i>	mammals, birds	amphibians, lizards
Bothrops <i>spp.</i>	mammals, birds	amphibians, lizards
Sawscale vipers	arthropods, mammals	
Horned vipers	lizards, mammals	
Sand vipers	lizards, mammals	
<i>Atheris</i> <i>spp.</i>	mammals, birds	lizards
<i>Bitis</i> <i>spp.</i>	mammals, birds	lizards
<i>Vipera</i> <i>spp.</i>	mammals, birds	lizards