**Texas Patch-nosed Snake**

***Salvadora grahamiae lineate***

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DESCRIPTION

* Adults grow to 26-40 inches in length.
* Two dark lines run laterally down the length of the snake on a tannish background.
* Center lateral line is tan, orange, or yellow, but different from the tan sides of the body.
* Peach or cream colored belly.
* Enlarged rostral scale on its snout, for which it is named.
* Non-venomous

LIFE CYCLE

* Mating occurs in early spring, with clutches of eggs laid in May and June.
* Young hatch in August, measuring 10 inches.

BEHAVIOR

* Diurnal (active in daytime)
* Forage in the early morning for food.
* Emit a musk odor when threatened.

HABITAT

* Prairies, oak-juniper savanna, woodland-grassland-farmland mosaics, notably Blackland Prairie
* River and creek floodplains with rotting logs and decaying plants
* Terrestrial

FOOD

* Lizards, snakes and occasionally rodents.

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