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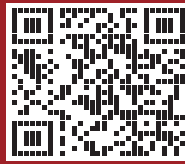
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Odds of running into a venomous snake in Kansas? Low, says wildlife expert

K-State’s Ricketts says not all slithering creatures are dangerous

BY JACOB KLAUDT
K-State Research and Extension news service
MANHATTAN, Kan. — Slimy, slithering, scaly and...helpful?
A springtime heat surge has brought snakes out of hibernation and on the prowl for food after a long winter’s rest. While their presence may put some on edge, Kansas State University wildlife specialist Drew Ricketts said not to worry because many present little danger, and can actually do people a favor.
“They’re anxious to get out of their winter cover, find food, explore the environment, probably look for a mate and find a place to nest,” he said. “They’re active, and people are likely to encounter them. One of the challenges is that many folks are snake-averse.”
Of the 42 species of snakes found in Kansas, only seven can deliver venom.
“There are two species of copperheads, so that makes it seem like a little greater chance, and we also haven’t detected a cottonmouth in the state since the early ‘90s, so the number of venomous snakes you’re likely to encounter is pretty low,” Ricketts said.
The likelihood of someone getting bitten by a snake strongly relates to whether they handle that animal. Ricketts said that over half the people bitten by venomous snakes were handling them, so the ability to identify snakes when up close proves to be valuable.
Key characteristics of venomous snakes:
A broad, triangular-shaped head due to venom sacks located on the backside.
Keel scales, or scales that have a ridge down the center.
A secondary opening between their eye and nasal passage, which serves as a heat sensor.
Elliptical pupils shaped like a cats’, for

example.
Snakes come out of hibernation looking for many prey items to eat – a feature that benefits humans in more ways than one, according to Ricketts.
“Smaller snakes eat mainly insects, but we also have snakes like the king snake that eat venomous snakes and reptiles, so there are a couple of kinds that do folks a service who don’t like to see them,” he said.
He added: “The vast majority of snakes, though, are going to eat small mammals; they’re eating native rats and mice and doing folks a favor that way, too.”
To lower the chances of any human-wildlife conflict with snakes, Ricketts recommends following the acronym HER:
Habitat modification. This step involves removing cover that attracts snakes to a property, such as tall grass, piles of wood, rocks and other things that allow them to hide. If snake-averse, Ricketts says people should strive to have a more sterile yard with minimal landscaping.
Exclusion. People can exclude snakes from their homes by completely sealing them off. Snakes can get under loose doors and fit through openings a half-inch tall by an inch or two wide, so Ricketts encourages covering even the smallest areas to achieve maximum exclusion.
Removal. If a snake ends up in a residence, animal control specialists may deploy glue boards to catch the snake. When snakes enter houses, they tend to follow structures like walls. Thus, Ricketts says, areas behind furniture has proven to be the best place for these boards to catch snakes while excluding pets.
More information on managing wildlife is available online from K-State’s Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources.

Maximize garden space by growing vertically

K-State horticulture expert says a vertical garden offers many benefits

K-STATE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION NEWS SERVICE
MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State University horticulture expert Cynthia Domenghini says home gardeners can expand garden space by taking it to the next level...literally.
Domenghini said many crops can be grown vertically, including the more traditional tomatoes, pole beans, and peas as well as vining crops such as cucumbers, melons, squash and gourds.
“Elevating plants off the ground increases the air flow which can help prevent disease,” Domenghini said. “Bringing the height of the produce up also makes harvesting easier.”
Domenghini recommends edible-pod and snow peas because those crops have longer vines and are therefore more appropriate for growing vertically than English (shelling) peas.
Bush-type vining crops produce short vines and are consequently less suitable for vertical growth. “Be mindful of crops that grow large fruit as they could damage the vine if grown vertically,” Domenghini said.
Supporting your vertical garden with a sturdy structure is also important. Domenghini suggests bamboo poles.
“Create a pup tent or A-frame structure by leaning two cattle panels or pallets together and securing them at the top. Alternatively, a single panel can be tied upright to T-posts for support. Plant vining crops at the base and train them to grow upward,” she said.
Domenghini and her colleagues in K-State’s Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining home landscapes and gardens.
Interested persons can subscribe to the newsletter, as well as send their garden and yard-related questions to tohortsupport@ksu.edu, or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.

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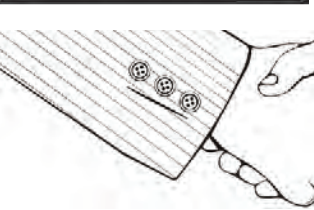
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By Annie Bergmann, Chamber Director

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Our coffee sponsor for May 6, 2025, is Century 21/GHC Associates Inc., with Theresa Bonebrake.

Theresa began her real estate career with Century 21 in 1992. Her motivation to get her license was to help young buyers realize their dream of owning a home, in a rural area where little help was provided at the time, with 20% down required for most conventional loans in small town banks. In 2025, with so many local lenders on board with first time buyer loan programs and grants available, young buyers can purchase with very little down and negotiate with sellers to pay their closing costs. Often their payments are less than rent! Did you know there are loan products specifically designed for this location? Completing appraisal school and getting a broker license a few years later, Theresa honed her skills in property valuations. She has worked for banks, handling foreclosure evaluations, and currently prices over 40 properties each year with detailed market analysis reports for her sellers including commercial, residential, rural, and many in the surrounding areas. The key to selling any property is getting the price right! The real estate market in Concordia has changed! Prior to 2022, there were at least 80 homes listed each spring. Today, there are 26 listings, with many of them already under contract. The demands vary, from fixer-uppers under \$60,000 to rural homes valued in the \$300,000 range. Theresa sees this as a good sign in a much sought after North Central Kansas small town, that just hasn’t quite caught up to demand. After all, who wouldn’t want to live in such a charming community!



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