

Louisiana Pine Snake



The Louisiana Pine Snake is one of the rarest snakes in North America and is under review for EPA action. Texas' Comptroller is funding an economic analysis of the proposed protective regulations which could seriously impact tree harvesting operations.

The Louisiana Pine Snakes live in sandy soils and open pine forests – particularly long leaf pine forests. In Texas, the snake tends to live north of Tyler County, but the northeast tip of the county is included in their range.

- The Louisiana Pine Snake is non-venomous, instead using its body to crush its prey.
- It is reclusive, spending 60% of its time below ground.
- It depends on pocket gophers for food, and relies on their burrows for shelter and for hibernation sites.
- Low reproductive rates hamper repopulation efforts.