

Venomous vs. Nonvenomous*

Venomous

- Pits present on head
- Elliptical (vertical) pupils
- Undivided anal plate
- Triangular-shaped head, neck much skinnier than head

Nonvenomous

- No pits on head
- Round pupils
- Divided anal plate
- Head more continuous with body

*This is true for Indiana's native snakes, NOT all snakes



Venomous



Nonvenomous

Elliptical pupil

Nostril

Pit



Nostril

Round pupil

