



# Common Garter Snake

**General Description:** One of the most common and well know snakes in Minnesota.

**Color:** Black with three, yellow stipes length wise down their body.

**Length:** Up to 3 feet.

**Weight:** Average around 5 ounces.

**Habitat:** Found all across MN. Avoids freezing temperatures by traveling below the frost line.

**Food:** Frogs, earthworms, insects, and even small mammals.

\*Will “musk” - release a foul smelling but harmless liquid to defend itself.

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