

Banded Water Snake

(Nerodia fasciata)

Imported from the Eastern and Central U.S. as pets, these nonvenomous snakes now prey on California's native fish and amphibians. When handled by humans, they often defecate and emit foul-smelling musk.

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