

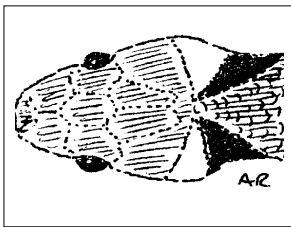
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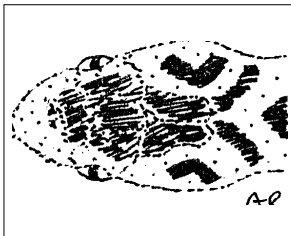
## What is it?

*Grass Snake - long thin snake with yellow collar*



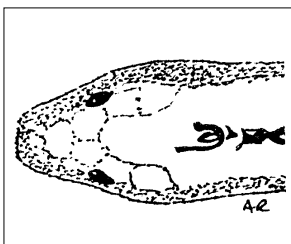
Grass snakes often venture into garden ponds during the summer in search of frogs. They are totally harmless. Look for the bold yellow collar with a black V behind the head and a long thin body - grey, green, brown or even almost black with vertical side bars and dots. A fast moving snake, common in Kent, which is one of its strongholds.

*Adder - shorter, thicker snake with bold zigzag*



Adders are rarely encountered and mostly on the chalk outcrops curving eastwards from West Kent, above Ashford to Folkestone. A shorter, thicker snake with an outstanding bold zigzag the width of the back - females are brown and dark brown, males white/green and black. They are frightened of Man and although venomous will not strike unless provoked. Bite similar to a bee sting, unless victim is severely allergic. Most sightings in early spring/late autumn.

*Slow-worm - legless lizard, shiny and polished*

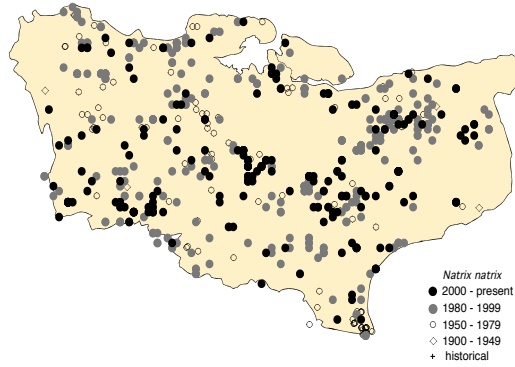


Often found under stones, tin and logs or in compost heaps. Feeds on slugs and snails, helping the gardener. Note the lizard's moveable eyelid and tiny body scales which give it a glossy, metallic look, unlike a snake's dry, matt appearance. Will shed tail if frightened. Completely harmless.

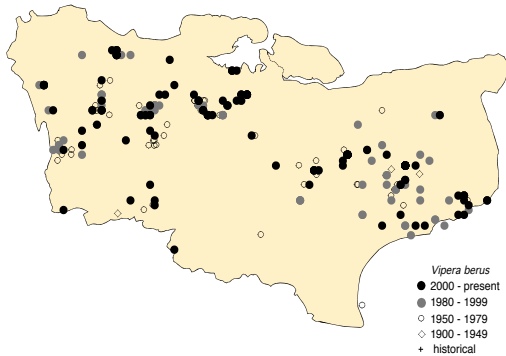
*Please, remember: all British reptiles are protected by law from killing, injury and collection for the pet trade. They play a vital role in the natural world but their numbers are declining steadily. They need all the help they can get.*

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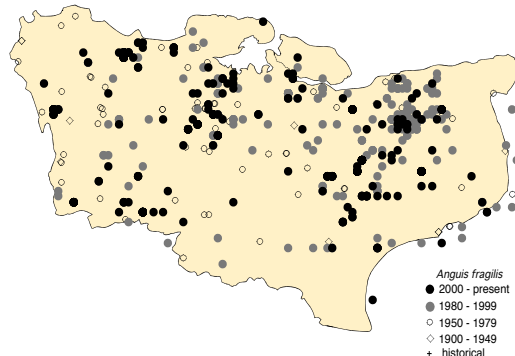
*Distributions of the grass snake, adder and slow-worm in Kent in recent years, compiled by Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group. If you have any sightings of reptiles or amphibians in Kent, please let us know what you saw, when and where at the KRAAG address below or by filling out an online recording card on our website. Then we can add your sighting to our growing database and Kent Atlas.*



*Grass Snake*



*Adder*



*Slow-worm*

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