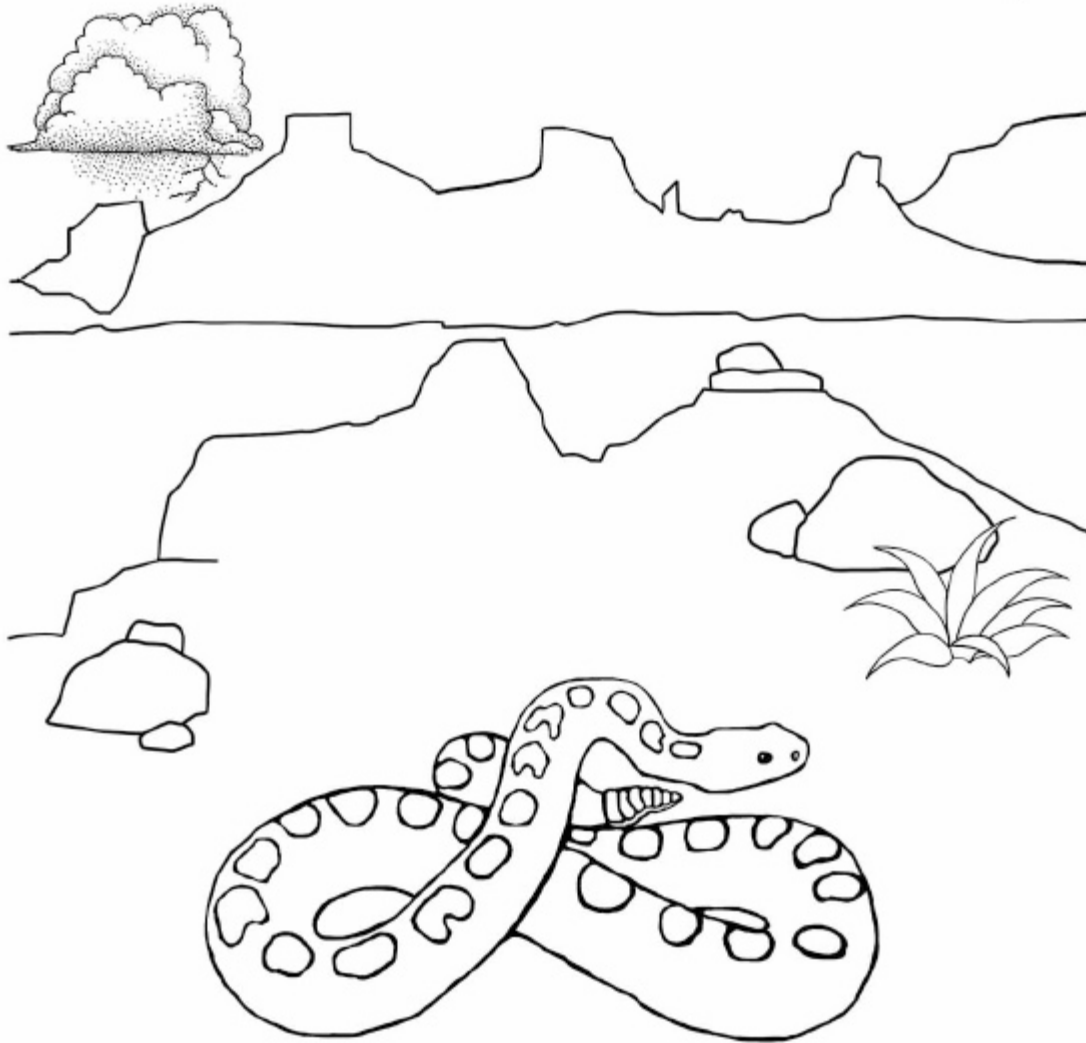


Western Rattlesnake



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The Western Rattlesnake (Prairie Rattler) is found from Iowa westward through the Rocky Mountains and from Southern Canada south to Mexico. They “smell” using their tongue, which picks up smells in the air when they flick it in and out. Rattlesnakes are “pit vipers.” This means that they have heat-sensing spots on the sides of their heads that helps them find warm-blooded prey. Rattlesnakes come together in rocky places to hibernate for the winter.