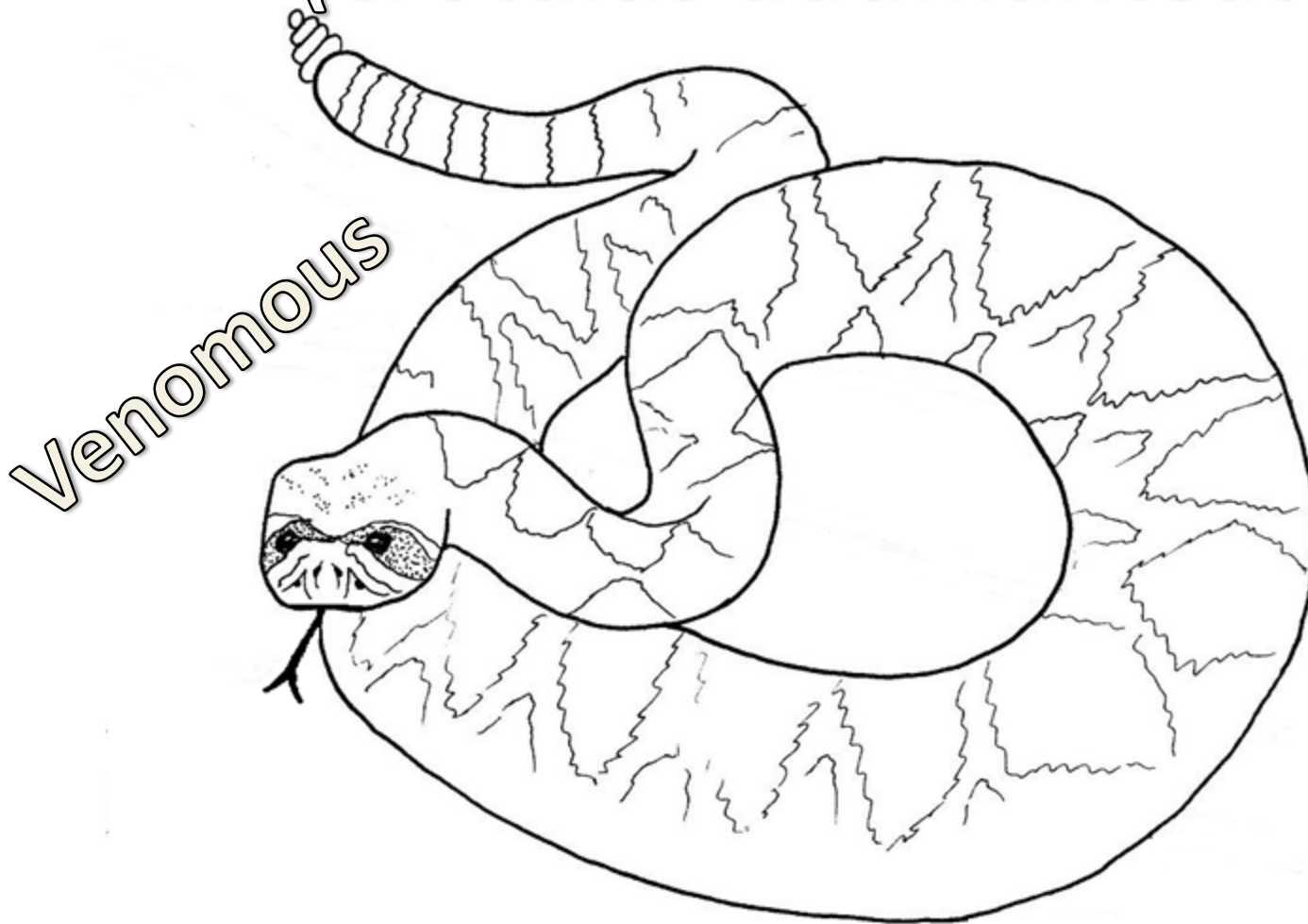


Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake

(*Crotalus adamanteus*)



The eastern diamondback ranges along the coastal lowlands from southeastern North Carolina to eastern Louisiana, including all of Florida and the Keys. It is most often thought of as an inhabitant of xeric (dry) uplands such as sandhills, clayhills and scrub. During the winter, diamondbacks take refuge in **gopher tortoise** and armadillo burrows, stump holes, and other underground cavities.

Diamondbacks may live 20 years or more. The bulk of its prey consists of rabbits and cotton rats. Eastern diamondbacks have large home ranges that may encompass as much as 500 acres.