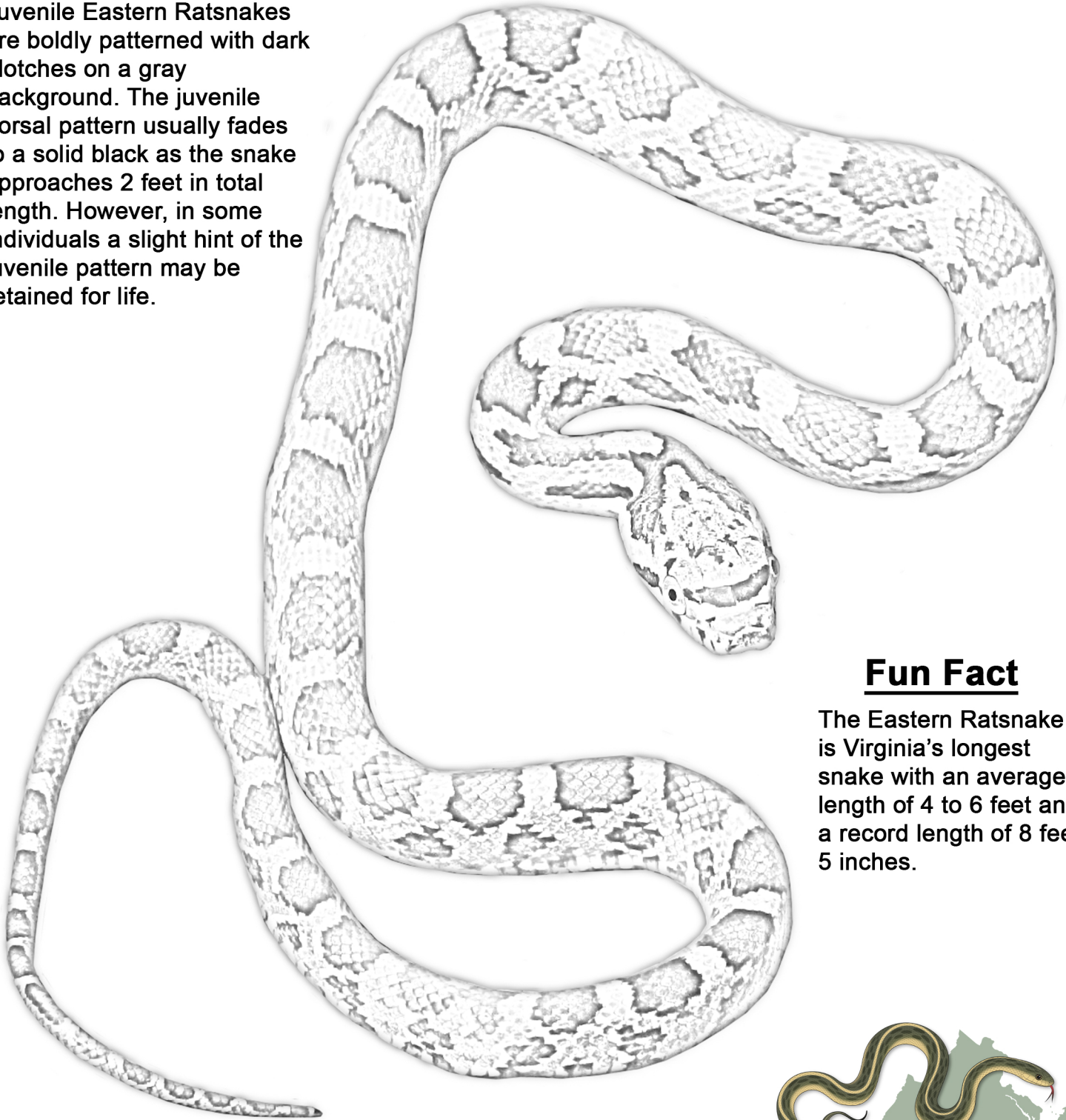


# Juvenile Eastern Ratsnake

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Juvenile Eastern Ratsnakes are boldly patterned with dark blotches on a gray background. The juvenile dorsal pattern usually fades to a solid black as the snake approaches 2 feet in total length. However, in some individuals a slight hint of the juvenile pattern may be retained for life.



## **Fun Fact**

The Eastern Ratsnake is Virginia's longest snake with an average length of 4 to 6 feet and a record length of 8 feet 5 inches.

The Eastern Ratsnake is documented in most areas of the state and probably occurs statewide.

