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Rare Rattlesnake Discovery Leads to Warning

A rare rattlesnake discovery leads to a warning from the Nemaha County Sheriff.

Sheriff Rich Vernon issued the warning today (Thursday) after the discovery of a rattlesnake in Centralia...(play audio)

Vernon offers this advice if you see what you believe to be a rattlesnake...(continue audio)

The adult snake is not large, ranging from 18 to 30 inches in length. Its color pattern consists of a grey or tan groundcolor with a row of large rounded brown/black blotches or spots down the centre of the back and three smaller rows of alternating spots down each side. Solid black melanistic examples are also known, as well as cases where the back blotches join with those on the sides.