

Speckled King Snake *Lampropeltis getulus*

Habitat Preference: Found in large open areas of grassland.

Threats:

- Disappearance of natural habitat
 - Conversion of prairie to cultivated ground.
 - Tree invasion will create shade which will deter use by speckled king snakes.
- Invasion of non-native plants.
- Over grazing will eliminate areas for speckled king snakes to find shade during mid-day in the summer.



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Habitat Improvement Guidelines:

- Remove encroaching woody species while snakes are inactive by cutting and treating woody species.
- Prescribed burns should be done in order to keep grassland habitat healthy. Avoid burning during the speckled king snake's active period. Limit burning to a 3-5 year rotation.