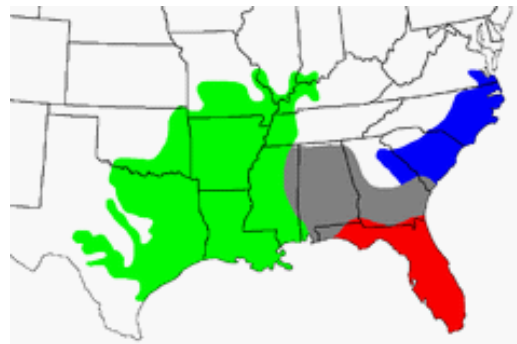


Western Cottonmouth: *Agkistrodon piscivorus leucostoma*



The Cottonmouth, or water mocassin, is a venomous species of pit viper, found in the southeastern United States. Adults are large and capable of delivering a painful and potentially fatal bite. When antagonized they will stand their ground by coiling their bodies and displaying their fangs and white mouth. Their diet consists of small fish, amphibians and other reptiles. The distribution map below separates the species into the different subspecies groups determined by their geographic range.

The *leucostoma* subspecies is found in the area indicated on the map by the color **green**.



Juveniles are commonly called “lemontails.”