

# Smooth Green Snake

## Smooth Green Snake (*Opheodrys vernalis*) - Pl.15

**Identification:** 11 7/8" - 26". The Smooth Green Snake is a small, unmarked, bright green snake that looks very much like the Rough Green Snake. However, as its name indicates, the Smooth Green Snake has smooth scales. Its underside is white or pale yellow. Scales are smooth; anal plate is divided.

**Where to find them:** Found primarily in the grass and other terrestrial habitats where it blends in quite easily.

**When to find them:** Active April through September.

**Range:** Northern Region: Sussex, Bergen, Passaic, Essex, Hudson, and northern Warren and Morris Counties.

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### Key Features

- Slender and small.
- Bright green in color with a white belly.
- Scales smooth.



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