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Accordingly, the **golden belly of Kingsnake** is now a specific natural snake species that lives in a large natural area in the eastern United States. However, the new discovery shows that this snake has **three small subspecies** instead of only one species compared to the previous judgment. **Frank Burbrink**, a curator at the American Museum of Reptiles said in a statement.



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When surveying the special beetles, the golden belly Kingsnake of the larger area extending from **Nebraska** to Virginia in the north and from Texas to Florida in the south, the group of biologists suddenly discovered A new truth about the golden belly Kingsnake species.

The results of natural research and survey combined with ecological genetic analysis methods show that the golden belly Kingsnake has up to 3 small subspecies including:

1. **L. calligaster** lives in the steppe region west of the Mississippi River,
2. **L. rhombomaculata** lives in the forests east of the Mississippi River
3. **L. Occipitolineata** lives in a wet steppe in southern Florida.

The cause of this subspecies from each type of snake in Kingsnake snake classification changes ecological behavior as well as physical characteristics depends on the characteristics of each type of habitat, biological

diversity. , the enemy that briefly referred to is geographical differentiation. At present, the number of 3 small subspecies of the golden belly Kingsnake is quite small and scattered along the above areas. In it, L. Occipitolineata species living in the wet prairie in southern Florida are at risk of extinction.

The research has just been published in Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution.

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