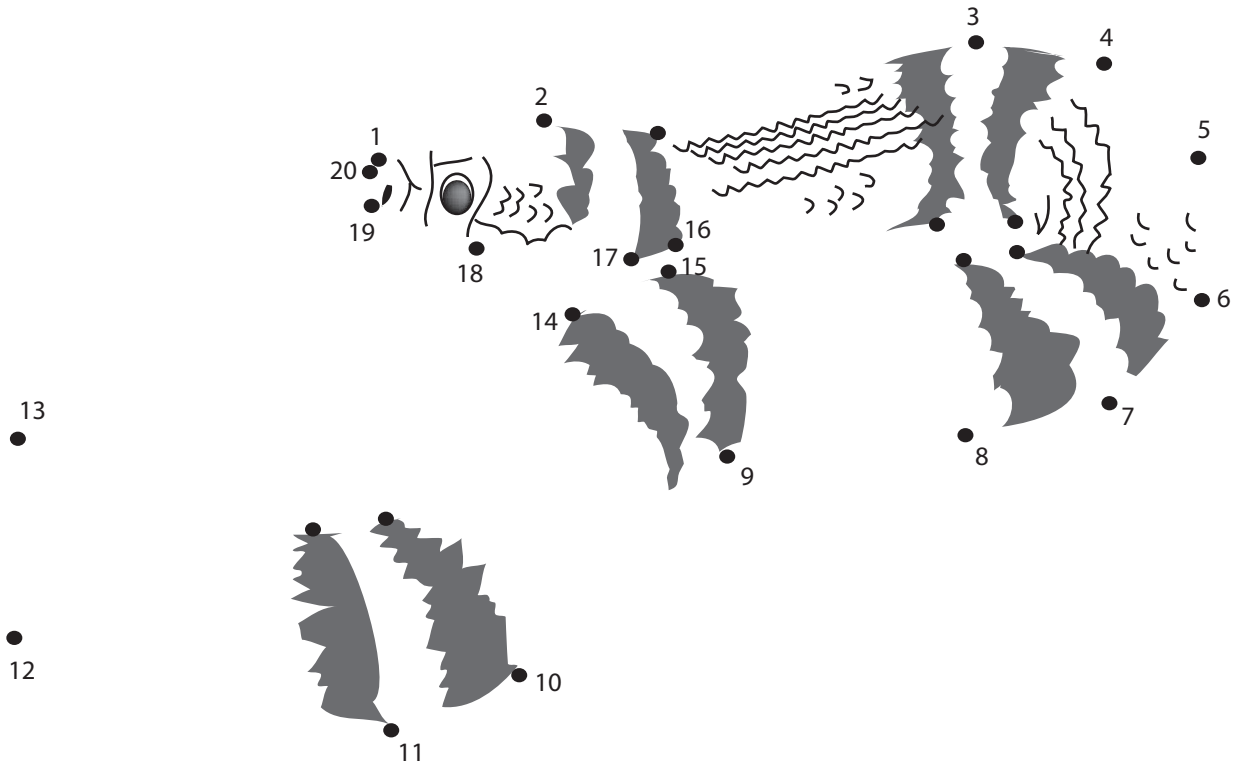




Draw a line in number order, starting with number one. What does the finished picture look like?





Milk Snake

Milk snakes are secretive snakes.

They love to hide.

It's a good thing they do, because many humans don't realize how terrific the milk snake is.

Without milk snakes, our farms and backyards might be covered in rats and mice.

Milk snakes are NOT venomous. In fact, milk snakes are one of the "kingsnakes," which means once in a while they actually EAT other venomous snakes, besides the other pests like rats and mice which they eat for us.

There are about 25 different kinds of milk snakes, in all different colors, and they are found in more different places in North and South America than any other kind of snake. Their favorite places are the woods, but they also love barns, since that is usually a good place to find mice and rats.

To protect itself, the milk snake will bite when it feels afraid, but it usually kills its prey by squeezing the breath out of it. The milk snake is a constrictor snake, like the anaconda, the python, or the boa constrictor.

The milk snake is our friend. It wants to be left alone, and it really doesn't want to be bothered, but if we let the milk snake do its job, it will keep our barns and backyards pest-free as best it can.