

Transcript for Figure 4.11.

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Video duration: 00:57

00:02 [Speaker]: So this right here is a garter snake, *Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis*, and he is so coiled up right now! He is...this is called a defensive posture. He's not being aggressive, he's not being mean, he doesn't want to bite me, he doesn't want to eat me. He just wants to survive. He knows that there's something in his environment, me and this Go-Pro, and we are way bigger than him. We are super scary. And he's like, 'wow, I need to get out of here.' And, um, he doesn't seem like he has an escape route right now, so what he's doing is being defensive. So he's coiled up, his head is kind of, like, in an S, he's really ready to strike...

00:36 [leaf rustle, hissing noise, laughter from speaker]

00:37 [Speaker]: He's tracking the Go-Pro!

00:38 [leaf rustle, hissing noise]

00:38 [Speaker, to snake]: Yeah!

00:40 [Speaker]: And you can see his head is kind of puffed out too, he's trying to look really scary. He's just trying to make himself really big and really intimidating so I get lost. So, I am going to listen to him. I'm going to get up and move out of his way. I'm going to take a picture, I'm going to observe him, and I'm going to leave him alone.

Alt Text:

A 1-minute video clip which features an Eastern garter snake behaving defensively. The snake is small, dark colored with a yellow checkerboard pattern. The snake is coiled tightly with his neck in an “s” position, and his tongue is flickering as he senses his environment. I am discussing how this defensive display does not mean the snake is being aggressive. I move the GoPro over the snake to show his S-coiled neck. The snake strikes in the direction of the GoPro twice, not making contact. The video ends with me getting up and leaving the snake alone.