

**W**e look so forward to this new season. We at Conquistador Pest and Termite want to say “thank you” to all who have entrusted us to serve you and your families. We are always looking at how we can improve your experience with us. Some ways we have done this is by re-organizing pest control routes for efficiency, and by moving to a new office at 215 W. Giaconda Way near the intersection of Oracle and Ina.

We have developed a new bundle service program called The Conquer All Service Agreement which includes a combination of pest, termite, and weed control service. This year we will be offering bee service, bird control services and the new wildlife removal. This service will be trapping and removing small animals such as squirrels, skunks, raccoons, ring tailed cats etc. This will also include snake capture release. We look forward to enhancing and improving your experience with Conquistador Pest and Termite. Please ask your technician about our Conquer All Program and the Wildlife removal. We love to serve you.

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## Snakes of the Sonoran Desert

**H**ere in the Sonoran Desert is where you’ll find such poisonous varieties as the coral snake, the diamondback, and the sidewinder. The diamondback and sidewinder are perhaps the best known of the various rattlesnakes that inhabit the area. The sidewinder gets its name because of the unusual sidewise movement it makes as it crosses over the sand. The diamondback is the largest of all rattlesnakes. You can find diamondbacks as long as 6 feet.

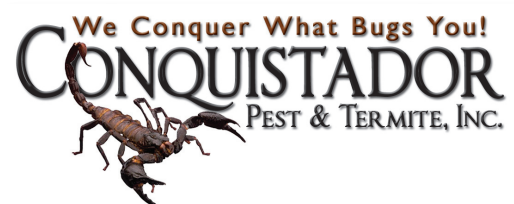
Another snake, the coral snake, is the most dangerous of venomous snakes in the Sonoran Desert. Happily, though, this snake is quite shy and does not usually appear until late

in the evening. In the day, corals rest under rocks until sunset when they come out to hunt their food of choice, or a snake called a blind snake. There are many copycat snakes that look like the coral, whose similar colors protect them from snake-eating birds and animals. For instance, they possess the red and black bands of the coral but the black bands are situated on either side of the yellow coloring that a coral normally has.

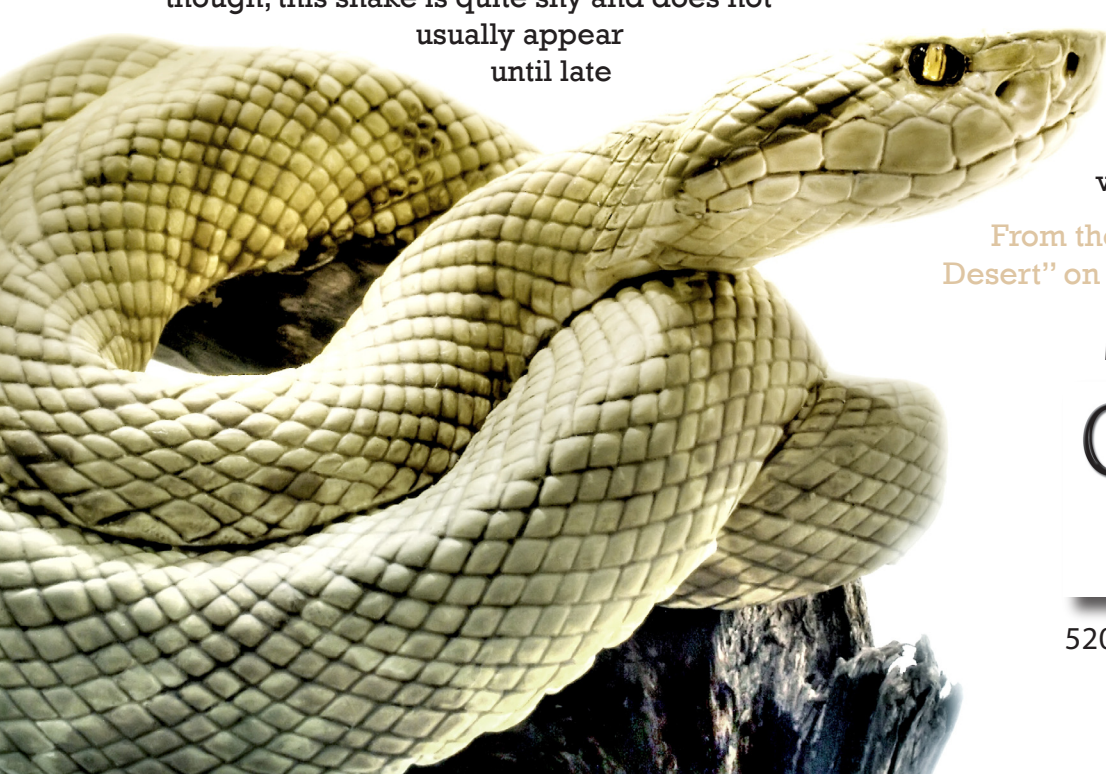
A true coral snake has wide bands of red and black separated by narrow ridges of pale yellow. A true coral’s red bands, then, are always located next to yellow-colored bands. There is saying among people who live in the desert to help them make the distinction. It goes, “Red on yellow can kill a fellow.” “Red on black, venom-lack.”

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# Home Maintenance Checklist

BY IVAN OLSON

Here are some preventative maintenance tasks homeowners should do in the Spring.

- Check doors, window, and trim for signs of cracking or deterioration
- Check caulking at doors, windows, and all other openings and joints between different materials (e.g., wood, masonry and stucco)
- Inspect roof for damage or loose shingles and blisters
- Check fascias and soffits for paint failure and decay
- Clean gutters, strainers, downspouts and splash blocks
- Check smoke detectors
- Check caulk or grouting around bathtubs, showers and sinks
- Clean or change any air filters
- Have a/c system checked by qualified service person
- Check condition of cords to all appliances and plugs
- Check faucets, hose bibs, flush valves and sinks for leakage and corrosion.
- Check water heater for leakage, corrosion and obstructions
- Check to make sure the water shut off valves under sinks and toilets are operational.

Doing these preventative maintenance inspections and checks can save homeowners money in the long run if problems are caught early.

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