7. WIND SNAKES

INTRODUCTION

We love this idea sent to us by Kelvin Lawrence of the Derbyshire Amphibian and Reptile Group (DARG). It works well in a number of settings, requires little by way of materials and is very fun and effective. Kids love them!

MATERIALS:

- Paper plates (DARG suggest green coloured works well, but white is also fine)
- Wool
- Scissors
- Pencils
- Awl tool or compass (optional)
- Felt tips(marker pens (Sharpies) (optional)
- Pictures of native snakes (optional)

MAKE IT!

1. Turn the plate upside down and draw a snake head near the edge, followed by a spiral to form the snake's body, working towards the tail in the centre of the plate.

2. Carefully cut out the head, working inwards towards the centre (tail). Trim off any excesses.
MAKE IT!

3 Make a small hole in the centre of the plate, on the end of the tail. Use a sharp pencil, compass or awl, as pictured here. Use this to thread some wool through. Tie it on the other side to secure and suspend.

4 Decorate your snake if you like! Here is a plain snake that DARG have created using a pale green paper plate.

5 You could try turning your snake into an adder! Here’s one we made...

6 ...or maybe try a grass snake, smooth snake or even a slow worm! Offer different options on the stall and supply pictures to guide people.

7 Show participants the effect of wind on their snake! Maybe have some suspended to draw attention to a stall. They spin beautifully!