

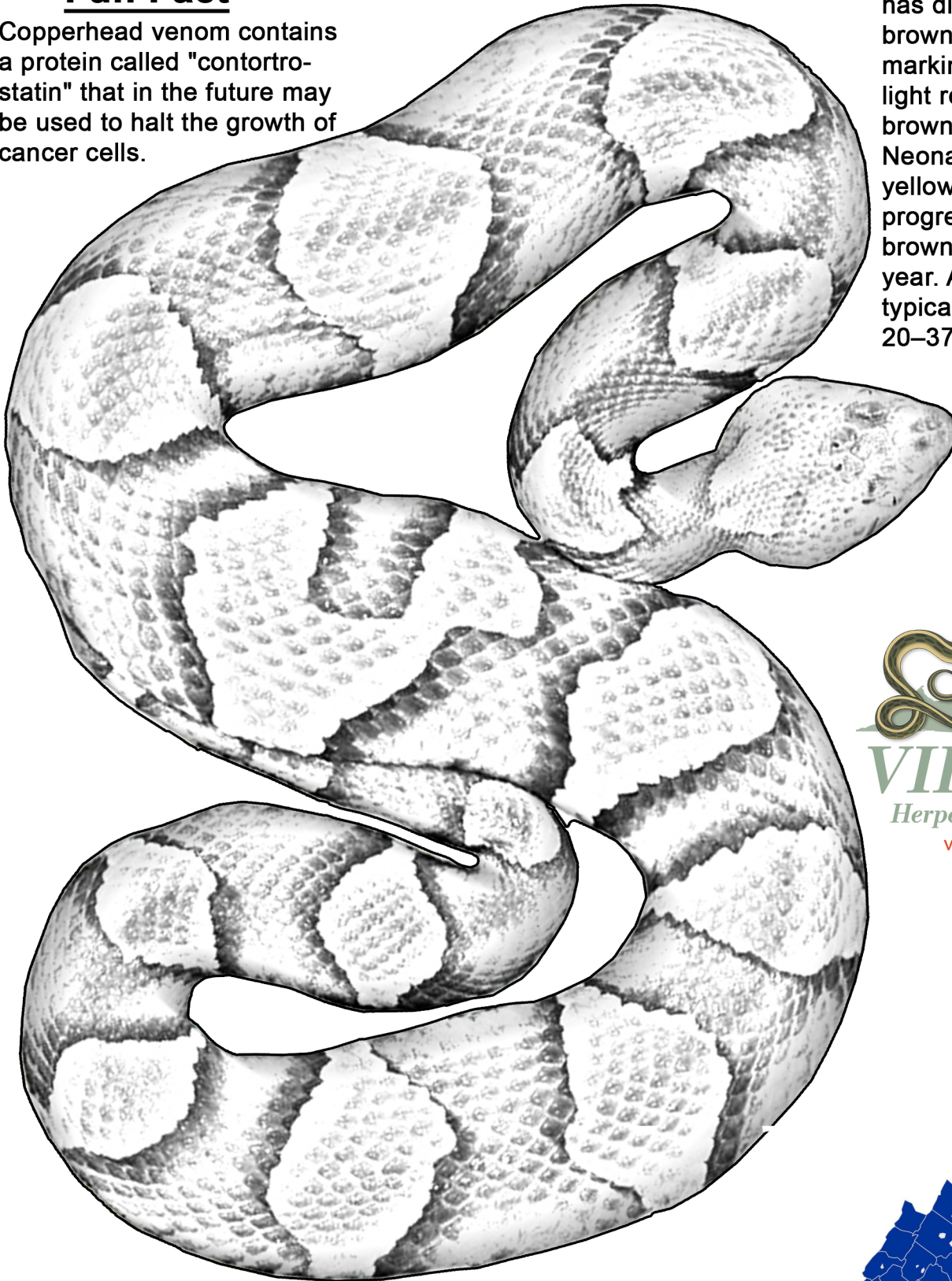
Eastern Copperhead

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Fun Fact

Copperhead venom contains a protein called "contortrostatin" that in the future may be used to halt the growth of cancer cells.

The Eastern Copperhead has distinctive, dark brown, hourglass-shaped markings, overlaid on a light reddish brown or brown/gray background. Neonates are born with yellow tail tips, which progress to a darker brown or black within one year. Adults grow to a typical total length of 20–37 inches.



The Eastern Copperhead is widespread in Virginia.

