Venomous and non-venomous identification key

Please note: type in red indicates features found only on venomous snakes. Indiana venomous species may show round pupils at night or during shed process.

Many non-venomous snakes also have keeled scales.

Non-venomous species may show wide/flattened head during defense.

Also, if one is close enough to see the eyes and pits, one may be too close.

This key for Indiana species only.