

# Elapidae

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# The Elapidae Family

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- The Elapidae family is the most \_\_\_\_\_ species of snakes in the world. These elapids are mostly found in the \_\_\_\_\_ regions of the world.

# Info

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- An important characteristic feature of the elapids is their fixed, \_\_\_\_\_ fangs, which are used to \_\_\_\_\_ venom. Their venom is \_\_\_\_\_, which causes severe damage to \_\_\_\_\_, and thus it can be potentially deadly.

# Popular Snakes

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Black Mamba

Indian Cobra

King Cobra

Cape Cobra

Green Mamba

Egyptian Cobra

Red Spitting Cobra

Mozambique Spitting Cobra

Inland Taipan



# Black Mamba

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This snake is widespread across \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Africa. It is usually found near hills, \_\_\_\_\_ and sugarcane fields. They are increasingly found in sugarcane fields, due to \_\_\_\_\_ in other areas.

## B. M. Info

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- They are a very \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ snake. The largest adults can \_\_\_\_\_ feet in length. The black mamba mostly eats small \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. This snake is \_\_\_\_\_, which means it lays eggs.

## B.M. Info Continued

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- This particular species is also regarded as the \_\_\_\_\_ in the world, with the fastest strike of any other species on the planet. Its speed, combined with the \_\_\_\_\_ of its venom, make it one of the \_\_\_\_\_ snakes within its native range. But it is not the \_\_\_\_\_ snake.

# King Cobra

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The King Cobra is the \_\_\_\_\_ snake longer than the mamba. The king cobra is a large venomous snake native to India, Southeast Asia, the Philippines and southern parts of China. The scientific name of this snake is \_\_\_\_\_. The king cobra is the member of a \_\_\_\_\_ genus. That means it is the only species within the genus *Ophiophagus*. Most of the other cobras are members of the \_\_\_\_\_ genus.



## K. C. info

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- The scientific name of this snake is *Ophiophagus hannah*. The king cobra is the member of a monotypic genus. That means it is the only species within the genus *Ophiophagus*. Most of the other cobras are members of the *Naja* genus.

## K. C. Info Continued

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- The king cobra got its "royal" name for a very good reason. It is a \_\_\_\_\_, a snake-eating snake, and a true marvel of nature. It is the largest \_\_\_\_\_ in the world, reaching lengths of 16 - 18 feet.
- The king cobra is a \_\_\_\_\_ species that will readily eat other snakes in the wild, including members of its own genus. This snake is highly venomous and dangerous to humans. Fortunately, it is not especially \_\_\_\_\_ unless provoked or \_\_\_\_\_ in some way.