



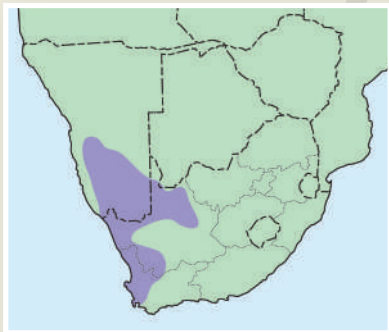
SNAKE PROFILE

Black Spitting Cobra (*Naja nigricincta woodi*)

VERY DANGEROUS

Other names:

Swartspoeslang; Swartspoegkobra



The Black Spitting Cobra inhabits much of Namaqualand and occurs east from Cape Town northwards into much of Namaqualand extending east to Tswalo and Witsand and north into southern Namibia.

It is active during the day and favours dry river beds. It is a shy and elusive snake that is quick to escape if encountered. Bites are extremely rare.

Its venom, like that of all spitting cobras, is potently cytotoxic, causing severe pain, swelling and tissue damage. It also has the ability to spit its venom and does so effectively. It feeds on snakes, lizards and frogs.



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