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Very Dangerous

Jameson's Mamba

(*Dendroaspis jamesoni*)



Average length
1.8 m

A dull green snake mottled with black and yellow, that inhabits coastal and thick montane forest. It is also comfortable in plantations, such as Mango and some nuts, as well as around buildings. It is often confused with harmless green snakes of the genus *Philothamnus* and the green Boomslang. The Jameson's Mamba spends most of its life in dense vegetation where it hunts for tree-living mammals as well as birds during the day. It may venture to the ground to bask or move to a new tree. They are sometimes found as roadkill. Its venom is potently neurotoxic. Antivenom is effective but bites are quite rare as it is a shy snake.



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