



Dangerous

Night Adders

(Causus rhombeatus/maculatus)



Average length
40 cm

These short adders can be tricky to tell apart. Both the Forest Night Adder (red) and the Rhombic Night Adder (yellow) are short snakes of around 45 cm, but may exceed 80 cm. They are diurnal, hunting frogs and toads. A prominent V pattern is visible behind the head. The venom of these snakes is not well known, but causes severe swelling, blistering and discoloration. Although no human fatalities have been recorded, these snakes frequently kill small dogs and a bite, especially to children, should be treated in a hospital.

