

Very Dangerous



Red Spitting Cobra

(*Naja pallida*)



Average length
1 m



A small cobra reaching a maximum length of around 1.5 meters. The Red Spitting Cobra is active at night, hiding during the day. When threatened this snake will stand tall, spread a narrow hood and spit its venom. Once threatened it will not hesitate to bite. This cobra is especially fond of eating frogs and will often venture to human dwellings in search of water and amphibians. The venom of this snake is potentially cytotoxic causing pain, swelling, blistering and possibly tissue damage. Polyvalent antivenom should be used in cases of severe envenomation. This species often comes into houses at night and may bite people.

