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Eastern Natal Green Snake

(Philothamnus natalensis)

Maximum Length:
1.2 m



Other names:

Oostelike Natal Groenslang

A beautifully-marked bright green snake that is active during the day when it hunts for geckos and frogs. This snake climbs well and can be seen very high up in trees. It is quick to escape when disturbed and will bite readily if handled but is completely harmless.

Because of the green colour it is often mistaken for a Boomslang or Green Mamba and needlessly killed. The Eastern Natal Green Snake has keels on the belly as well as the underside of the tail and tends to be bright green with some light yellow on the belly.

The Eastern Natal Green Snake occurs from Amanzimtoti northwards along the KZN coast and eventually into the Kruger National Park.

