



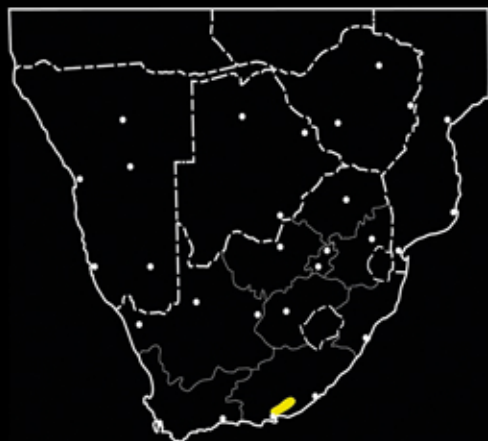
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## Albany Adder (*Bitis albanica*)

Maximum Length:  
34 cm



Other names:  
Albanie-Adder

A small adder averaging around 25 cm with a maximum length of 34 cm. The Albany Adder is endemic to the Eastern Cape in the Algoa Bay region where it occupies Albany-thicket and Bontveld grasslands.

Like many other small adders, it is largely active in the early mornings and late afternoons and is fond of hiding under shrubs or rocks. The horns, if present, are highly reduced. It feeds on lizards, mainly geckos, skinks, agamas and lacertids but also takes small rodents.

The venom of this snake is thought to be like that of other small adders, causing pain and swelling.



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