

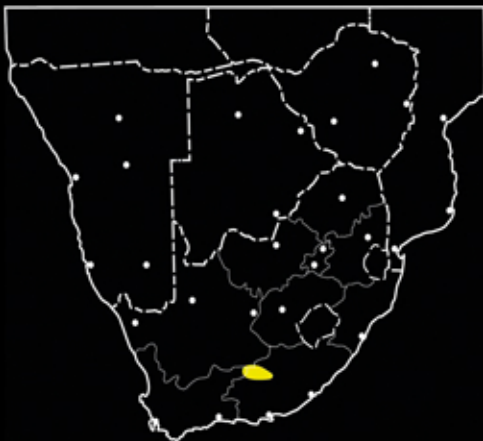


VENOMOUS



Plain Mountain Adder (*Bitis inornata*)

Maximum Length:
35 cm



Other names:
Ongemerkte Bergadder

A small adder averaging 30 cm with a maximum size of 35 cm. This endemic snake is listed as Endangered in the current Reptile Atlas. It is largely limited to grasslands above 1,500 masl in the Sneeuwberg range and the surrounding mountains of Graaff-Reinet. The Plain Mountain Adder spends much of its time hiding under rocks and basks in the early morning and late afternoon. It lacks horns above the eyes. Nothing is known of the venom of this snake, but it is thought to be like that of other small adders, causing pain and swelling. Individuals usually hiss and strike when encountered. This snake probably feeds largely on lizards and small rodents.



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