

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Black Mamba

*Dendroaspis polylepis*

The Black Mamba is one of the world's most notorious and fastest snakes, native to sub-Saharan Africa. Despite its name, the snake's skin is typically olive, brownish-gray, or khaki; its name derives...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Reptile

**Family:** Elapidae

**Habitat:** Savanna and woodland

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 11-20 years

**Weight:** 1.6-2.5 kg

**Scientific name:** *Dendroaspis polylepis*

### Did you know?

- A single Black Mamba can deliver enough venom in one bite to kill 10-20 adult humans.
- Black Mambas can raise a third of their body off the ground and 'stand up' when threatened. Their venom is primarily neurotoxic, leading to rapid par...

### What I learned

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