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Animal Fact Sheet

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Black Mamba

Dendroaspis polylepis

The black mamba is not black. It is olive, grey or gunmetal brown, and its name comes from the inside of its mouth, which it gapes open in a threat display to show a black, coffin-like interior. It i…

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 mamba venom contains mambalgins, peptides that block acid-sensing ion channels; in mice they produce pain relief as strong as morphine without …

What I learned

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