

Animal Fact Sheet

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Black-necked Spitting Cobra

Naja nigricollis

The Black-necked Spitting Cobra is a strikingly colored, highly venomous snake native to sub-Saharan Africa. Recognized for its glossy black neck and contrasting light-colored body, it is adept at bo...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Elapidae

Habitat: Savanna and forest edges

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 10-15 years

Weight: 1.2–2.0 kg

Scientific name: *Naja nigricollis*

Did you know?

- Unlike most cobras, the Black-necked Spitting Cobra often prefers to flee rather than stand its ground, using its spitting ability as a last resort.
- Black-necked Spitting Cobras can spit venom up to 2.5 meters (8 feet) with remarkable accuracy. Their venom contains both neurotoxic and cytotoxic co...

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