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Black-necked Spitting Cobra

Naja nigricollis

The spitting cobra does not really spit — it sprays. Its fangs have forward-facing openings near the tip rather than at the bottom, and a sharp contraction of muscle around the venom gland fires veno…

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.
- It does not spit — it sprays, firing venom from forward-facing holes in its fangs under muscular pressure. It aims for the eyes, tracking the face an…

What I learned

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