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Animal Fact Sheet

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Common European Adder

Vipera berus

Vipera berus is the only venomous snake native to Britain and the most northerly snake on Earth, ranging north of the Arctic Circle in Scandinavia and clear across Eurasia to Sakhalin. Living in a co…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Viperidae
Habitat: Heathland, moorland, woodland, grassland, and coastal dunes
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 50-100 grams
Scientific name: Vipera berus

Did you know?

- Despite being venomous, the Common European Adder is responsible for very few serious bites, and fatalities are extremely rare.
- The dark zigzag along the back is the single most reliable field mark in Britain, but wholly black melanistic adders occur, and they warm up faster i…

What I learned

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