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Animal Fact Sheet

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False Water Cobra

Hydrodynastes gigas

The False Water Cobra is a large, semi-aquatic snake native to South America, particularly found in Brazil, Paraguay, Bolivia, and Argentina. Despite its name and its ability to flatten its neck to r…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Colubridae
Habitat: Wetlands, marshes, flooded grasslands, and along rivers
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 1.5-2.5 kg
Scientific name: Hydrodynastes gigas

Did you know?

- Despite being called a 'cobra,' the False Water Cobra is not closely related to true cobras and belongs to a separate family altogether.
- The False Water Cobra can expand its neck to form a hood when threatened, similar to true cobras. It is an excellent swimmer and spends much of its t…

What I learned

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