

Venomous Terrestrial Snakes of Malaysia: Their Identity and Biology

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Abstract

This article presents an overview of the identity and biology of the venomous terrestrial snakes of Malaysia, from Peninsular Malaysia and the Bornean states of Sabah and Sarawak. Two families account for a majority of venomous snakes that are of medical significance – the Elapidae (cobras, kraits, and coral snakes) and Viperidae (vipers and pit vipers). Certain members of the Colubridae are capable of giving life-threatening bites to humans (especially species of *Rhabdophis*), but little is known of the Malaysian species of the genus.

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