

VENOMOUS SNAKES IN KENYA

NAME

BITE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS



Red Spitting Cobra

Orange-red, with a black throat band

- Local swelling and blistering
- Local necrosis
- Burning pain and redness in eye envenomation



Large Brown Spitting Cobra

Different shades of brown.

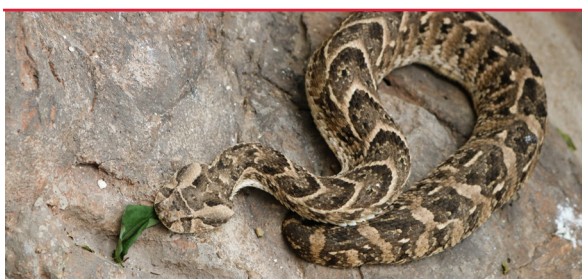
- Severe, progressive swelling
- Necrosis
- Burning pain and redness in eye envenomation



Black Mamba

Gray with a black mouth.

- Tingling of the tongue and lips with a metallic taste.
- Drooping eye lids.
- Descending paralysis.



Puff Adder

Light brown, overlaid with a pattern of dark brown to black U-shaped bands

- Immediate severe pain, swelling and blistering.
- Necrosis with massive muscle and tissue damage.
- Continuous bleeding from bite wound, mouth, nose and other orifices.



Boomslang

Females brown, males green.

- Bleeding from bite wound, gums, nose and other orifices.
- Headache, nausea and sleepiness.



Carpet Viper

Light brown, with pale crossbars along the back

- Local pain and severe swelling.
- External and internal bleeding