

# The Big 5 Venomous Snakes of South India and Often Confused Species

An Identification Guide for Medical Doctors and Intensive Care Unit Staff


Venomous




**Spectacled Cobra**  
Spectacle Mark on Hood



Similar Non Venomous Snake



Rat Snake



Banded Racer

Venomous



**Common Krait**  
Paired White Bands



Similar Non Venomous Snake



Wolf Snake




Wolf Snake




Trinket Snake


Venomous



**Russell's Viper**  
Black Edged Almond Marks




Similar Non Venomous Snake




Rock Python


Venomous




**Saw Scaled Viper**  
Small Head Scales



Similar Non Venomous Snake



Cat Snake




Sand Boa

Venomous

**Caution !!**

**Hump-nosed Pitviper**

may cause  
Coagulopathy  
and  
Renal Damage



4+ Large Head Scales

