

# Aspidelaps Scutatus



## Scientific Classification

Kingdom:	Anamalia
Phylum:	Cordata
Class:	Reptilia
Order:	Squamata
Suborder:	Serpentes
Family:	Elapidae
Geunus	Aspidelaps



blue – range of *A. lubricus*  
green – range of *A. scutatus*

*Aspidelaps* is

a [genus](#) of [venomous elapid](#) snakes [endemic](#) to [Africa](#).

[Species](#) in the genus *Aspidelaps* are commonly called **shield-nosed cobras** or **coral cobras** after their cobra hoods and enlarged [rostral](#) (nose) scales. However, the hood is not nearly as well developed in *Aspidelaps* as it is in [Naja](#).

## Venom

*Aspidelaps* venom is neurotoxic, and *Aspidelaps* bites have caused human deaths in a few cases.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Species[\[edit\]](#)

*Nota bene*: A [binomial authority](#) in parentheses indicates that the species was originally described in a genus other than *Aspidelaps*.

Image	Species	Authority	Subsp.*	Common name	Geographic range
	<a href="#">A. lubricus</a>	( <a href="#">Laurenti</a> , 1768)	2	Cape coral snake	<a href="#">South Africa (Cape Province)</a> , southern <a href="#">Angola</a> , <a href="#">Namibia</a>
	<a href="#">A. scutatus</a>	( <a href="#">A. Smith</a> , 1849)	3	shield-nosed cobra	Namibia, <a href="#">Botswana</a> , <a href="#">Zimbabwe</a> , north-east South Africa, <a href="#">Mozambique</a>