

Macrovipera lebetina obtusa



Scientific Classification

Kingdom:	Anamalia
Phylum:	Cordata
Class:	Reptilia
Order:	Squamata
Suborder:	Serpentes
Family:	Viperidae
Genus	Macrovipera
Species:	M.lebetina
SubSpecies	M.I.obtusa

Binomial Name

Macrovipera lebetina obtusa
([Dwigubsky](#), 1832)

Synonyms

- *Vipera obtusa* Dwigubsky, 1832
- *Vipera lebetina obtusa*
— [Terentjev](#) & [Chernov](#), 1940
- *Vipera lebetina obtusa*
— [Minton](#), 1968
- *Daboia (Daboia) lebetina obtusa*
— [Obst](#), 1983
- *Daboia lebetina obtusa*
— [Engelmann](#) et al., 1993
- *Macrovipera*
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— [Golay](#) et al., 1993^[1]

Common names: *West-Asian blunt-nosed viper*,^[2] *Levant blunt-nosed viper*.^[3]

Macrovipera lebetina obtusa is

a [venomous viper subspecies](#)^[4] [endemic](#) to [Asia](#), from central [Turkey](#) to northern [Pakistan \(Kashmir\)](#).

Description^[edit]

It can be distinguished from other subspecies of *M. lebetina* by its higher scale counts — usually 170-175 [ventrals](#), and 25 (sometimes 27) rows of [dorsal scales](#) at midbody — and relatively dark color pattern.^[5]

Geographic range^[edit]

It is found from central [Turkey](#) through [Syria](#), [Lebanon](#), [Iraq](#), northern [Jordan](#), the [Caucasus](#) region (incl. [Armenia](#)), [Azerbaijan](#), [Dagestan](#), [Iran](#), southern [Afghanistan](#), [Pakistan](#) and the ([Kashmir region](#)). In Pakistan, according to [Khan](#) (1983), *M. lebetina* is restricted to the western highlands; it is [allopatric](#) with *[Daboia russelii](#)*, which occurs in the [Indus River](#) valley.^[6]