



King Cobra

1 There are many types of snakes in the world. One snake, in particular, that is very venomous is the cobra snake. The cobra snake is one of the largest venomous snakes in the world. In size, they are eighteen feet long. Can you imagine seeing a cobra snake this big? Cobras are said to be able to grow the height of a giraffe! They are usually seen in South and Southeast Asia. These types of snakes can be found in forests or swamps.



2 Cobra snakes have special skin around their necks called “hoods.” The hood around their neck is used in protection from their predators. The hood is made up of muscles and ribs that spread out when they feel threatened.

3 Cobras love to feast upon small animals such as small mammals, lizards, and birds. When cobras hunt for their food, they raise their head off the ground and slither around. As they slowly slither around, they flicker their tongue out, creating a hissing sound. When it sees prey, the cobra strikes out at it. The slow slithering turns into fast, swift movements. Then the cobra strikes out at it, sinking its venom-filled fangs into the animal. After the snake poisons its food, it swallows it whole. The poisonous bite is known to be powerful enough to be able to kill an adult elephant.

4 Cobras have babies by laying eggs. They protect their eggs by creating a nest for them. After the nest is created, the mother cobra lays on top of the eggs until they are ready to hatch. Once hatched, the baby snakes immediately leave the nest. The baby snakes leave the nest and begin their own life journey.

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Nile Crocodile



5 The Nile crocodile is one of Africa's most feared animals. These animals are carnivores. Carnivores love to eat meat which may include humans. They can usually be found in swampy areas. The Nile crocodile is Africa's largest crocodile. The crocodile can grow to a size of about twenty feet. Twenty feet tall is about the same height as an adult giraffe.

6 The crocodile is a cold-blooded animal that uses body temperature to maintain energy. These crocodiles have a life span of 70 to 100 years. Nile crocodiles have eyes, nose, and ears on top of their heads. When hunting for prey, their body is able to be completely in the water. The top of their head is shown outside of the water to breathe, hear, and smell. The Nile crocodile has over sixty teeth in its mouth. They use these teeth to chomp down their prey. If a tooth comes out of their mouth while attacking their prey, a new one grows back. They primarily feed on fish because they are in the water near them and easy to get. Other reptiles on land can also be prey for crocodiles. When they spot an animal on land, they swim out of the water slowly. The crocodile creeps up on the animal and leaps out towards it. They can run after their prey at a fast speed of nineteen miles per hour. Large crocodiles can go for more than a year without feeding on other animals.

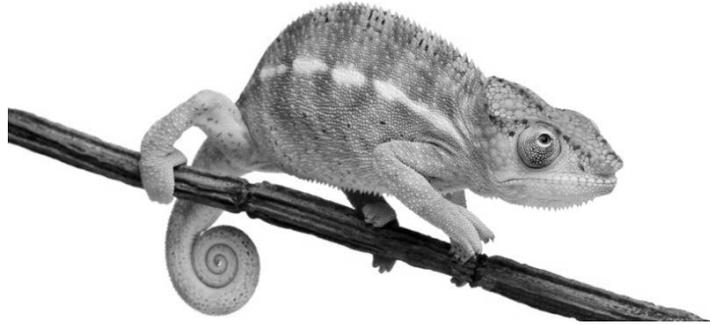
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Chameleons



7 Chameleons are a very interesting reptile. There are over 160 species of chameleons. Chameleons mostly live in the rainforest and deserts in Africa.

8 The color of their skin helps them to camouflage with their habitats. Chameleons that are found living in trees change their color to the color of the tree. They have special pigment under their skin that allows them to change colors. Chameleons can have multiple patterns on their skin. Chameleons can be pink, blue, red, orange, green, and many more colors. The color change of their skin sometimes shows their emotions. When a Chameleon is angry, the color of their body may be very dark. Sometimes they change their skin to a dark color to scare away other animals.

9 Chameleons have amazing eyesight. They have eyes that can rotate. Their eyes can focus on two different objects at the same time. They can even see small insects 5-10 meters away. When Chameleons eat, their long tongue stretches out and forms a suction cup. The suction cup is used to catch its prey. The speed of their tongue is so fast that it can reach its prey in less than 7 seconds. Large insects are a treat for Chameleons to feast upon. Large insects such as locusts, grasshoppers, crickets, and many more are meals for Chameleons.

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