

A Checklist of the Snakes of Mumbai with their common names ¹

Notes:

- I. Mumbai includes: Greater Mumbai, Central suburbs till Thane, Western Suburbs till Bhaindar, New Mumbai till Belapur.
- II. Scientific and English common names are after Das, I (1997). *Hamadryad Vol. 22. pp. 32 – 45*. We have avoided the use of subspecies except in the case of *Uropeltis macrolepis macrolepis*, *Python molurus molurus*, *Elaphe helena helena* & *Elaphe helena monticollaris*.

	TYPHLOPIDAE	
1.	<i>Ramphotyphlops braminus</i>	Brahminy Worm Snake
2.	<i>Rhinotyphlops acutus</i>	Beaked Worm Snake
	UROPELTIDAE	
3.	<i>Uropeltis macrolepis</i> <i>Uropeltis macrolepis macrolepis</i>	Large-Scaled Shieldtail Bombay Shieldtail
	BOIDAE	
4.	<i>Eryx conica</i> <i>Eryx conicus</i> - fide Smith, 1943	Common Sand Boa
5.	<i>Eryx johnii</i> <i>Eryx johni</i> - fide Smith, 1943 Several have been released in Sanjay Gandhi National Park (Borivali) – it is doubtful that they were originally present here.	Red Sand Boa

¹ As numerous unreliable records exist, we list only those species that have actually been rescued by the Reptile Rescue & Study Center (R. R. S. C.) – and from rescues where we are certain that the snake is not an escapee, nor has it been released by human agencies.

6.	<i>Python molurus</i> <i>Python molurus molurus</i>	Indian Python Indian Rock Python
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	ACROCHORDIDAE	
7.	<i>Acrochordus granulatus</i>	Western Wart Snake

	COLUBRIDAE	
8.	<i>Ahaetulla nasutus</i>	Common Vine Snake
9.	<i>Amphiesma stolata</i>	Buff-Striped Keelback
10.	<i>Argyrogena fasciolatus</i>	Banded Racer
11.	<i>Boiga beddomei</i>	Beddome's Cat Snake
12.	<i>Boiga forsteni</i>	Forsten's Cat Snake
13.	<i>Boiga trigonatus</i>	Common Indian Cat Snake
14.	<i>Cerberus rhynchops</i>	Dog-Faced Water Snake
15.	<i>Dendrelaphis tristis</i>	Common Bronzeback Tree Snake
16.	<i>Elaphe helena</i> <i>Elaphe helena helena</i> <i>Elaphe helena monticollaris</i>	Indian Trinket Snake Common Indian Trinket Snake Montane Trinket Snake
17.	<i>Gerarda prevostianus</i>	Glossy Marsh Snake
18.	<i>Lycodon aulicus</i>	Common Wolf Snake
19.	<i>Macropisthodon plumbicolor</i>	Green Keelback
20.	<i>Oligodon arnensis</i>	Banded Kukri Snake
21.	<i>Oligodon taeniolatus</i>	Streaked Kukri Snake
22.	<i>Ptyas mucosus</i>	Indian Rat Snake
23.	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	Checkered Keelback Water Snake

	ELAPIDAE	
24.	<i>Bungarus caeruleus</i>	Common Indian Krait
25.	<i>Calliophis melanurus</i>	Slender Coral Snake
26.	<i>Naja naja</i> <i>Several black pattern less cobras have been released in Sanjay Gandhi National Park (Borivali) – it is doubtful that they were originally present here.</i>	Spectacled Cobra

HYDROPHIIDAE		
27.	<i>Enhydrina schistosus</i>	Hook-Nosed Sea Snake
28.	<i>Hydrophis mamillaris</i>	Bombay Gulf Sea Snake
29.	<i>Lapemis curtus</i>	Short Sea Snake
30.	<i>Pelamis platurus</i>	Pelagic Sea Snake

VIPERIDAE		
31.	<i>Daboia russelii</i>	Russell's Viper
32.	<i>Echis carinatus</i>	Indian Saw-Scaled Viper
33.	<i>Trimeresurus gramineus</i>	Bamboo Pit Viper

Species that *may* exist in Mumbai, but require confirmation/ have not yet been seen by us.

34.	<i>Typhlops porrectus</i>	Slender Worm Snake
35.	<i>Uropeltis phipsonii</i> <i>Uropeltis phipsoni - fide Smith, 1943</i>	Phipson's Shieldtail
36.	<i>Boiga ceylonensis</i> <i>Needs confirmation.</i>	Sri Lankan Cat Snake
37.	<i>Boiga dightoni</i> <i>Recorded from the Sanjay Gandhi National Park (Borivali)</i> <i>doubtful: needs confirmation.</i>	Travancore Cat Snake
38.	<i>Eryx whitakeri</i>	Whitaker's Sand Boa
39.	<i>Lycodon flavomaculatus</i>	Yellow-Spotted Wolf Snake
40.	<i>Psammophis longifrons</i>	Stout Sand Snake
41.	<i>Sibynophis sagittaria</i> <i>I. Das' list does not have Sibynophis subpunctatus. He say it was synonymized under this species.</i>	Cantor's Black-Headed Snake
42.	<i>Spalerosophis diadema variety atriceps</i> <i>Some were released in Sanjay Gandhi National Park (Borivali), that they were originally found here is doubtful.</i>	Royal Snake
43.	<i>Lycodon travancoricus</i>	Travancore Wolf Snake
44.	<i>Lycodon striatus</i>	Barred Wolf Snake

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