

ACRES Advisory Notice:

to a wide variety of snakes, such as garden snakes, see the result of misinformation, popular culture and ignorance. Snakes are shy by nature, and harmless when left alone.

· Brightly coloured, typically green or red

Mildly venomous - though bite is not

Max length 1.2m, thick as your index finger

Here are some common snakes you might come across:

RETICULATED PYTHON



- · Brown, black or green, with reticulated markings
- Typically 2-3m in Singapore
- Nocturnal
- Excellent climbers and swimmers; Use drain systems to travel
- Great for rodent control
- Eats mainly mammals, and occasionally birds

EQUATORIAL SPITTING COBRA



- Distinctive hooded head
- Fully black
- Length 1-1.2m average
- Active in the day
- Hisses when feeling threatened
- · Venomous may spit venom if threatened by approach
- · Eats mainly frogs and small rodents

COMMON WOLF SNAKE

PARADISE TREE SNAKE



- Dark brown colouration
- Adults 15-40cm length

dangerous to humans

· Can glide from tree to tree

· Eats geckos and lizards

Adept climber

- Travels via small drains
- Eats house geckos

ORIENTAL WHIP SNAKE



- Triangular head with keyhole-shaped pupil
- Bright lime green, light brown, or dull yellow-green
- Max length 2m
- Extremely slender
- · Mildly venomous though bite is not dangerous to humans
- Very fast mover, but may not move due to camouflage
- · Eats geckos and lizards

What to do when you see a snake:

IN TREES, DRAINS OR GREEN SPACES



Leave them alone as these are their natural habitats.

Be mindful of your pathway when you walk along waterways or trails.

IN URBAN AREAS/INJURED

- 1. Snakes may end up in urban areas when tracking their prey. Or they may become injured, for example by being hit by a vehicle.
- Keep a distance and monitor the snake's movement
- 3. Call ACRES Wildlife Rescue Hotline at 9783 7782
- Information such as length, thickness, colour, and markings will help us identify the snake
- ii. You can also help by taking a picture from a safe distance
- 4. If you have pets, contain them for their own safety

DID YOU KNOW?

Snakes do not have external ears; instead they use vibrations to sense movement.



Snakes are solitary creatures. If you spot a snake, it is highly unlikely

that other snakes are nearby.

If in doubt, please call **ACRES Wildlife Rescue at** 9783 7782

> 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.





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Snakes DO NOT seek to attack people; they are generally timid and only strike if cornered or handled inappropriately.

