



Poisonous animals 1.3 Common Krait

Scientific Name : *Bungarus caeruleus*.

Other Common Names : Indian krait.

Geographical Distribution: All over India.

Identification :

The common krait is a steel-blue snake growing up to 3 to 4 feet in length (sometimes up to 7 feet), with whitish bands or half-rings throughout its back.

The most distinctive features comprise the following:

1. A chain of **hexagonal large scales** throughout the middorsal aspect of the body
2. The subcaudals (ventral scales distal to the vent) are undivided, unlike other elapids
3. The **4th infralabial scale is the largest** of the infralabials.

Nature of Venom : Predominantly **neurotoxic**. **It is the most venomous snake of India.**

Antidote : **Antisnake venom (ASV)**