



Poisonous animals 2.1 Non poisonous snakes :

Identification :

1. **Head scales are large.**
2. **Belly scales are small**, like those on the back or moderately large, but do not cover the entire breadth.
3. Fangs are short and solid.
4. They have several small teeth.
5. Tail is not much compressed.

Non-Venomous Snakebite

1. A significant proportion of snakebites is said to be due to non-venomous snakes. Since the question of envenomation does not arise in such cases, systemic manifestations are non-existent, except those due to **psychological shock**.
2. As a result of the fear and apprehension associated with snakes, every bite (venomous or otherwise) is attended by some degree of shock characterised by **giddiness, syncope, sweating, palpitation, tachycardia, and hypotension**.
3. Consequent upon reassurance especially by a doctor, about the non-venomous nature of the bite, these symptoms usually resolve rapidly.