



Poisonous animals 2.2 Lycodon aulicus snake

Scientific name : Lycodon aulicus

Other common name : Indian Wolf snake

Identification :

1. Commonly seen around houses lured by geckos. Get their name **from long, sharp front teeth similar to those of a wolf.**
2. **Small, slender snakes with smooth scales** and white unmarked belly.
3. **Color is mostly greyish brown** while some individuals are even black.
4. Have somewhat **thick bands usually white, some have bands with a yellowish tinge.**
5. **Distinct flattened head broader than neck, dark eyes with pupil invisible.**
6. Often confused with Kraits as both have bands. Can easily be distinguished : **Wolf snakes have broader & flatter heads, slightly thicker bands. Usually brown or grey, but a few can be black like kraits. Most importantly, Wolf snakes DO NOT have large hexagonal vertebral scales along its back like kraits.**

Nature of venom : Non Venomous.