



***Poisonous animals 2.4 Green keel back snake***

**Scientific name** : Rhabdophis plumbicolor

**Common name** : lead keel back

**Identification** :

1. Keelback snakes show the **typical enlargement of the posterior maxillary teeth and the presence of numerous teeth on all tooth-bearing bones** as represented by the **buff-striped keelback** .
2. They possess a sharp posterior cutting edge and, though grooveless, are prominently recurved .

**Nature of venom** : it is venomous and stores **steroidal toxins known as bufadienolides** in specialized glands on its neck.