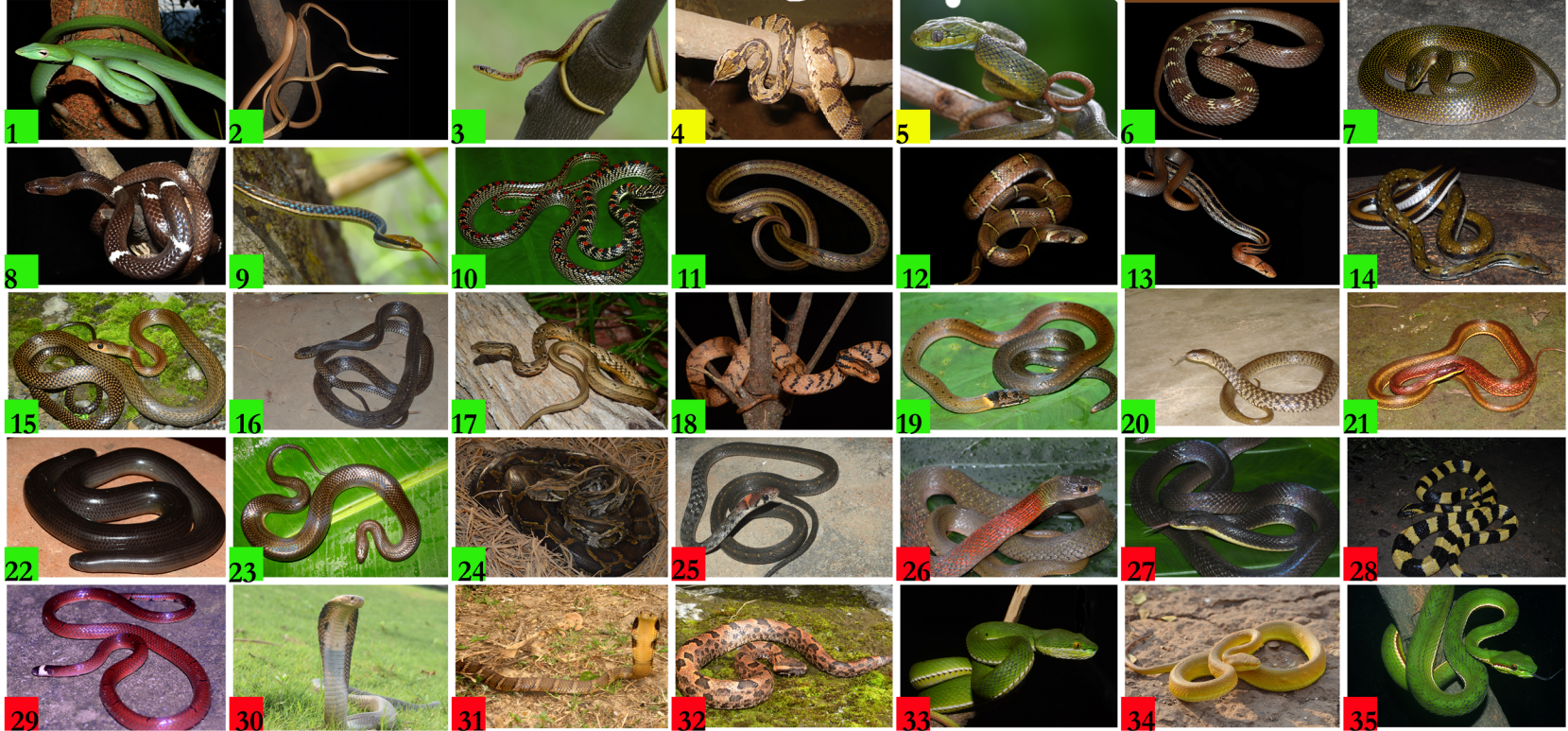


Snakes of Assam

World Snake Day

16 July, 2022



1. Asiatic vine snakes, *Ahaetulla prasina*; 2. Lāudankia vine snake, *Ahaetulla laudankia*; 3. Buff striped keelback, *Amphisma stolata*; 4. Arrowback tree snake, *Boiga gokool*; 5. Green cat snake, *Boiga cyanea*; 6. Indian wolf snake, *Lycodon aulicus*; 7. Twin-spotted wolf snake, *Lycodon jara*; 8. Zaw's wolf snake, *Lycodon zawi*; 9. Western painted keelback, *Dendrelaphis proachos*; 10. Ornate Flying snake, *Chrysopelea ornata*; 11. Cantor's kukri snake, *Oligodon cyclopus*; 12. Light-barred kukri snake, *Oligodon albocinctus*; 13. Copper headed trinket snake, *Coelognathus radiates*; 14. Common trinket snake, *Coelognathus helena*; 15. Indo-Chinese rat snake, *Ptyas korros*; 16. Indian rat snake, *Ptyas mucosa*; 17. Common mock viper, *Psammodonastes pulverulentus*; 18. Assam Snail-eater, *Pareas monticola*; 19. Collared black-headed snake, *Sibynophis collaris*; 20. Checkered keelback, *Fowlea piscator*; 21. Painted keelback, *Xenochrophis cerasogaster*; 22. Diard's blind snake, *Argyrophis diardi*; 23. Rainbow water snake, *Enhydryis enhydryis*; 24. Burmese python, *Python bivittatus*; 25. Orange-collared keelback, *Rhabdophis himalayanus*; 26. Red necked keelback, *Rhabdophis helleri*; 27. Lesser black krait, *Bungarus lividus*; 28. Banded krait, *Bungarus fasciatus*; 29. MacClelland's coral snake, *Sinomacurus macclellandi*; 30. Monocellate cobra, *Naja kaouthia*; 31. King cobra, *Ophiophagus hannah*; 32. Mountain pit viper, *Ovophis monticola*; 33. Red-tailed bamboo pitviper, *Trimeresurus enythrusus*; 34. Salazar's pit viper, *Trimeresurus salazar*; 35. Maya's pit viper, *Trimeresurus mayae*.

English Name Scientific Name

- Globally there are around 4000 species of snakes out of which about 70 species are found in Assam.
- Snake cannot hear sound as they do not have ears rather they get information of surrounding through their tongue which collects scent particles from air and which are decoded in an organ call Jacobson's organ situated on the roof of their mouth
- Snakes almost always will try to get away from human and will hardly try to bite until provoked.
- Most of the snakes around us are non-venomous but in the case of a venomous bite anti venom is the only cure.
- Snakes are protected by law. Keeping snake and snake charming is an offence.

Non-venomous Mildly-venomous Venomous

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