

## Characteristics

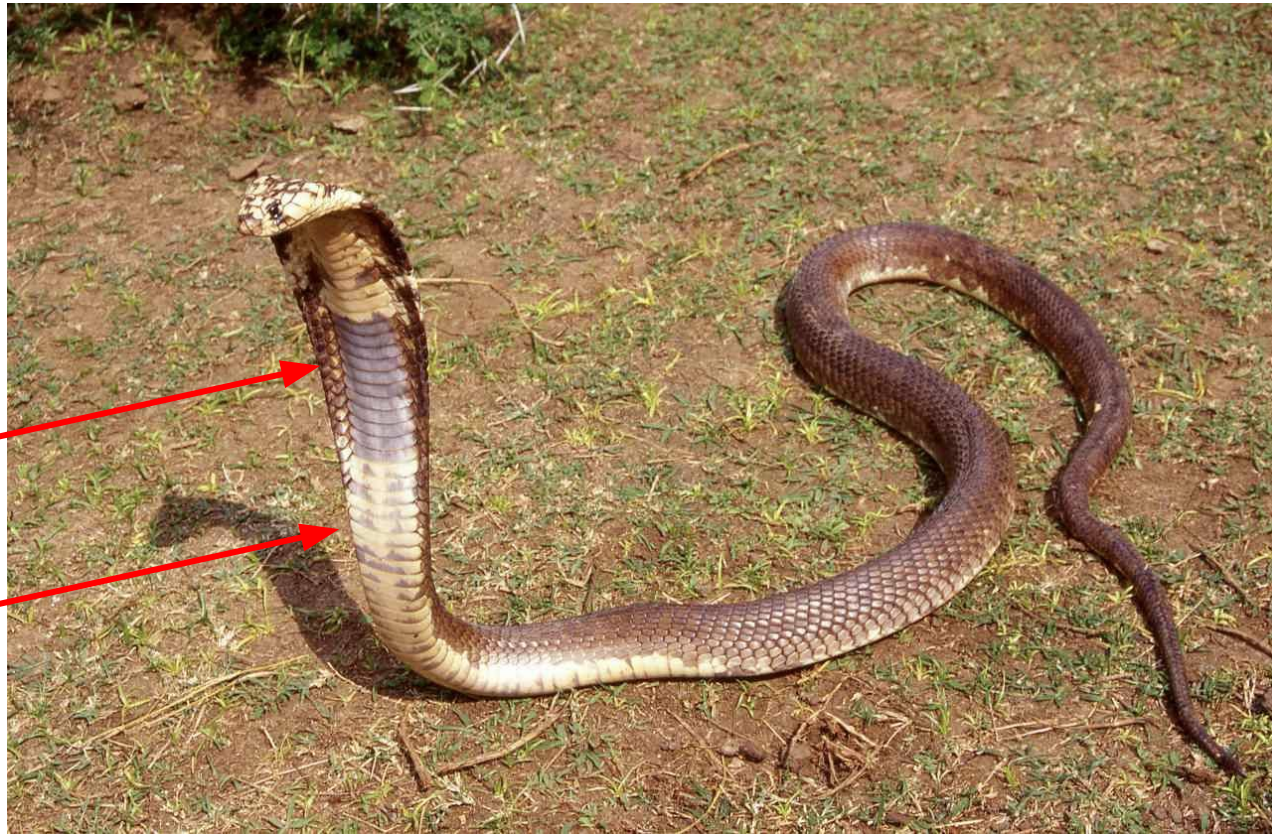
Long, thick body with smooth scales; brown, red-brown, grey-brown, or black

Large eyes, pupil round

Broad gray or brown throat bar

Irregular patches of brown or yellow on neck, back, and underside

Lips yellow and often with dark patch under eye



## Egyptian cobra

*Naja haje*

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**Dangerous with neurotoxic venom;  
a bite = medical emergency**