Characteristics

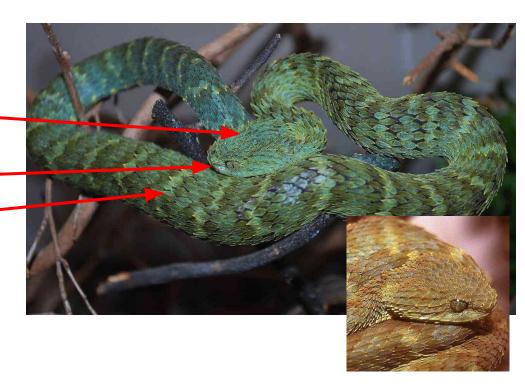
Body green, yellow-green, or occasionally brown

Head broad and triangular with small, strongly-keeled scales

Small eye with vertical pupil

Fine yellow cross-bars on body

Prehensile tail (tail can wrap around branch and support the weight of the hanging body)



Green or Variable Bush Viper
Atheris squamigera
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Dangerous; venom affects cells and blood, with intense pain, much swelling, and blood clots; has caused human fatalities