## **Characteristics**

Short head, eyes near front of head, with round pupils

Body gray to black

Scales smooth

Color of bands variable from pink or red bands to white-edged black bands or two fine white bands



## **East African Garter Snake**

*Elapsoidea loveridgei* Photo used with permission of Stephen Spawls Venomous but not known to be deadly to humans; intense local pain and swelling