

## Characteristics

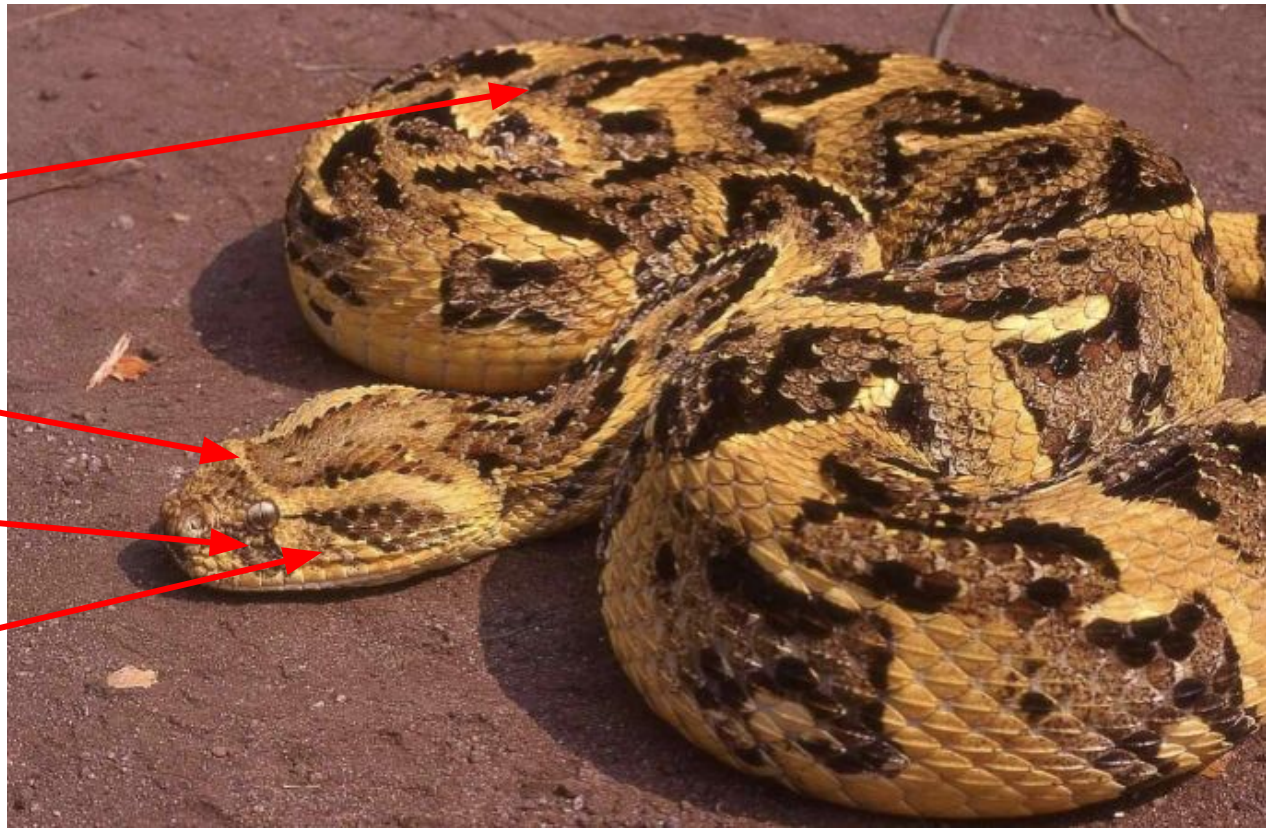
Heavy, thick body; patterns on back are V-shaped (chevrons)

Broad, flat, triangular head with pale bar between eyes

Small eyes set forward on head with vertical pupils; dark bars underneath and behind eyes

Pale bars from eye to jaw and also between the eyes

Base color brown, grey, orange, or yellow



## Puff adder

*Bitis arietans*

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**Dangerous with venom that kills cells and tissues; a bite = medical emergency**