

# SPINY BUSH VIPER

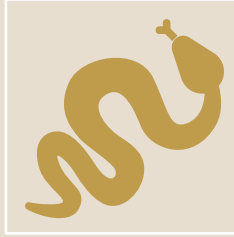
*Atheris hispada*

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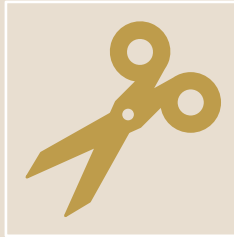




# The Spiny Bush Viper



It is a venous snake that is green or brown in color with a hairy or rough texture from its long bending scales and up to 29 inches in length from head to tail.



It uses its tail to hold onto branches or hang upside down while hunting at night.

They will use their long hollow fangs filled with venom to kill their prey consisting of small mammals such as birds or frogs.



**Eukarya** - it has cells with a nucleus

**Animalia** - it is a multicellular, heterotrophic

**Chordata** - it has a notochord, a dorsal nerve cord

**Reptilia** - it is a cold-blooded, scaly, and egg-laying vertebrate

**Squamata** - it is a lizard or a snake with a flexible skull and movable eyelids

**Viperidae** - it is a venomous snake with long, hollow fangs that can fold back into the mouth

**Atheris** - it is a bush viper with a prehensile tail and keeled scales that give it a bristly appearance

**Atheris hispida** - it is a spiny bush viper with a green or brown color and a hairy or rough texture