

**The list of snakes found and identified at Gurukula Botanical Sanctuary,**

Species	Preferred habitat at Sanctuary	Notes
<b>Common Vinesnake</b> <i>Ahaetulla nasuta</i>	Old Forest, Young Forest, Orchard	Common. Hard to find but found around the sanctuary
<b>Beddome's Keelback</b> <i>Amphiesma beddomei</i>	Old Forest, Young Forest	Common. Often seen moving through leaf-litter in shady areas
<b>Collared Indian Cat Snake</b> <i>Boiga nuchalis</i>	Old Forest, house	Rarely seen. Nocturnal and arboreal
<b>4. Painted Bronzeback Tree Snake</b> <i>Dendrolaphis pictus</i>	Old Forest, Garden	Rarely seen. Arboreal
<b>5. Common Bronzeback Tree Snake</b> <i>Dendrelaphis tristis</i>	Old Forest	Rarely seen. Arboreal
<b>6. Indian Trinket Snake (Common)</b> <i>Coelognathus helena</i>	Old Forest	Rarely seen. Terrestrial and crepuscular
<b>Common Wolf Snake</b> <i>Lycodon aulicus</i>	House	Uncommon. Nocturnal. Occasionally found in or near house
<b>Travancore Wolf Snake</b> <i>Lycodon travancoricus</i>	House	As above
<b>Streaked Kukri Snake (Russel's)</b> <i>Oligodon taeniolata</i>		
<b>Black-Spotted Kukri Snake</b> <i>Oligodon venustus</i>	Old Forest, Young Forest	Common. Length 30-40cm. Terrestrial. Found in leaf-litter.
<b>Indian Rat Snake (Common)</b> <i>Ptyas mucosa</i>	Garden	Common. Seen often. Length around 2m. Olivaceous-brown in colour but variable.
<b>Checkered Keelback Water Snake</b> <i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	River, Pond	Common. Often found inside fallen tree over river. Length 65cm.
<b>Indian Krait (Common)</b> <i>Bungarus caeruleus</i>	Garden, House	Occasional sightings. Nocturnal. Length 70cm.

<b>Black Slender Coral Snake</b> <i>Calliophis nigrescens</i>	Garden, Orchard	Occasional sightings. Length 70-80cm. Lives underground
<b>15. King Cobra</b> Ophiophagus hannah	Old Forest, Garden	Rare. Few sightings only. Length 2m. Attempted to nest in garden?
<b>16. Russel's Viper</b> Daboia russelii	Orchard, Lemongrass	Rare. Two sightings only. Length 1.2m.
<b>17. Hump-nosed Pit Viper</b> Hypnale hypnale	Old Forest	Rare. One sighting. Length 30cm. Terrestrial - found in leaf-litter.
<b>18. Malabar Pit Viper (Rock)</b> <i>Trimeresurus malabaricus</i>	Old Forest, Garden, Orchard	Common. Length 40-50cm. Terrestrial and arboreal (up to 2-3m above ground).
<b>18. Large-scaled Pit Viper</b> Trimeresurus macrolepis		

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