**Red Spitting Cobra**

**Native to:** Native to a large portion of Eastern Africa

**Predators:**  Birds, Other Snakes

**Food:**  Small Mammals, Amphibians, and birds

**Facts:**.

* Red Spitting Cobras can grow to be between 2 to 3.5 feet in length.
* The adults of this species are predominantly nocturnal in their behavior when the young more diurnal when active.
* They will spend most of their time hiding out in other animal’s dens or howled out logs in the wild.
* When threatened they will stand up extend their hood out and spit venom into the eyes of an attacking predator.
* The venom of the spitting cobra is designed to be absorbed by membranes in your eyes. When it reaches your eyes it causes blindness, extreme pain, and sometimes paralysis.
* They rarely bite out of defense because of the ability to spray their venom at attackers.
* There have been only rare fatalities on humans by this species of cobra in wild.
* This species of cobra is normally an amphibian eater in the wild but will take other prey in absence of amphibians.

**Defense Mechanism**

Spitting of Venom

**Reproduction:**

Females have a clutch of eggs between 6 to 21 eggs.

**Lifespan:** Can live for about 15 to 20 yrs

**Handling Tips**

No one should handle our Red Spitting Cobra unless you are trained hey will be packed up in a display case for programs.