**Mexican Black Kingsnake**

**Native to:** Native to the Sonoran Desert, Sinaloa, and Arizona

**Predators:**  Birds, Other Snakes, Lizards

**Food:**  Small Mammals, other Snakes

**Facts:**.

* Black Kingsnakes can grow to be between 3 to 4 feet in length and weigh in at about 3 lbs.
* This snake is active both during the daytime and at night in the wild. They hunt mostly during the day because of their poor eyesight.
* When small rodents aren’t available for prey they will eat other snakes including some of the venomous snakes in their range. Because of this they have developed a natural immunity to the venom of some snakes they consume in the wild.
* When threatened they will stand up extend their hood out and spit venom into the eyes of an attacking predator.
* When they aren’t active they will curl up in rocky dens along the ridges and mountains in the deserts where they live.
* They are rarely encountered by humans in their normal ranges.
* Because of their immunity to certain snake venoms they are being researched for creating better antivenoms for human beings.
* They are considered of Least Concern in the wild because of their large numbers and their large ranges in the wild.

**Defense Mechanism**

Camo, Striking

**Reproduction:**

Females have a clutch of eggs between 4 to10 eggs.

**Lifespan:** Can live for about 20 to 30 yrs

**Handling Tips**

Our Mexican Black Kingsnake is normally very easy to handle in general make sure to support all of his body and if you have handled small rodents before you go to handle him make sure you wash your hands to get the smell or rodents away from him.