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Hong Kong is home to 45 known species of land snakes that range from giant pythons sometimes approaching 5 meters in length, to minuscule blind snakes that are small enough to be confused with earth worms as well as highly venomous cobras, completely inoffensive snail eating snakes and many many more. They can occupy highly specific niches in confined habitat or be predatory generalists covering diverse ecosystems and broad geographic ranges. In both cases they are consequential components of the spaces they occupy, and due to Hong Kong's urban/rural environment combined with growing interest in outdoor activities, human snake encounters are increasingly common.

In this talk I will provide an overview of our numerous snake species, their habitat, behavior and other natural history as well as my approach to field research, specifically how to target and find different species. We will also briefly discuss two new research projects centered on Hong Kong's snakes that were formulated as a result of the years of field work required to complete the Snakes of Hong Kong field guide.

The Snakes of Hong Kong: An overview of Hong Kong's 45 species, how to find them, and their natural history



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I am a wildlife photographer, naturalist and author of two books on Hong Kong's herpetofauna including turtles and snakes. In addition to these books I have created the website www.hongkongsnakeid.com and the YouTube channel 'Snake IDTV' in order to provide the general public with free resources to better understand Hong Kong's reptiles and amphibians. I am self-taught in the field of herpetology, spending the vast majority of my free time performing field research for my books and more recently as part of several research projects with Lingnan University. Over the better part of the last decade I have been fortunate to have observed Hong Kong's 45 species of snake in their natural habitat and look forward to sharing the knowledge gained from this experience with those interested in understanding more about these fascinating animals and their place in our shared ecosystems.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

