

List of venomous animals

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Many venomous animals, such as this blue ringed octopus (genus *Hapalochlaena*), are brightly colored or can display bright colors to warn potential predators.

Arachnids

- Strictly speaking, all spiders and scorpions possess venom, though only a handful are medically significant.
- Australian funnel-web spider^[1]
- Black widow spider
- Brazilian wandering spider
- Brown recluse spider^[2]
- Katipo
- Redback spider
- Tarantulas
- Scorpions: Of more than a thousand known species of scorpion, only a few have venom that is dangerous to humans.^[3]
- Paralysis tick

Cephalopods

- Blue-ringed octopus^[4]

Cnidaria

- Jellyfish sting using microscopic cells called nematocysts, which are capsules full of venom expelled through a microscopic lance. Contact with a jellyfish tentacle can trigger millions of nematocysts to pierce the skin and inject venom.^[5]
- Portuguese Man o' War
- Sea Anemones
- Some Corals

Crustacean

- The remipede *Xibalbanus tulumensis* looks like a white centipede with a long segmented body and scores of legs which display a swimming motion. They live in underground caves of Mexico and Central America. Although blind, they are formidable predators, and feed on the shrimp that share their underground pools.

[6]

Dinosaurs

- Some scientists have proposed that *Sinornithosaurus* had a venomous bite, but recent evidence suggests otherwise.^[7]

Fish

There are at least 1,200 species of venomous fish, and they include

- The Stonefish, Lionfish, Scorpion Fish, Stargazer, and Toadfish (Daector and Thalassophryne).^[8]
- Stingrays^[9]
- Catfishes
- Dogfish sharks
- Chimaeras

Insects

- Bees
- Wasps
- Ants
- Certain Caterpillars

Mammals

- European mole
- Platypus (male)
- Elliot's short-tailed shrew
- Eurasian water shrew
- Northern short-tailed shrew

- Southern short-tailed shrew
- Cuban solenodon
- Hispaniolan solenodon
- Slow loris

Reptiles

- Venomous snakes
 - boomslang
 - cobra
 - common krait
 - Russell's viper
- Venomous lizards
 - Gila monster
 - Mexican beaded lizard
- Certain members of the genus *Varanus*, such as the perentie and Komodo dragon.



The black mamba has one of the most deadly bites of any snake.

Amphibians

- Iberian ribbed newt

See also

- Venomous mammals
- Venomous fish
- Venomous snake
- Toxic birds

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