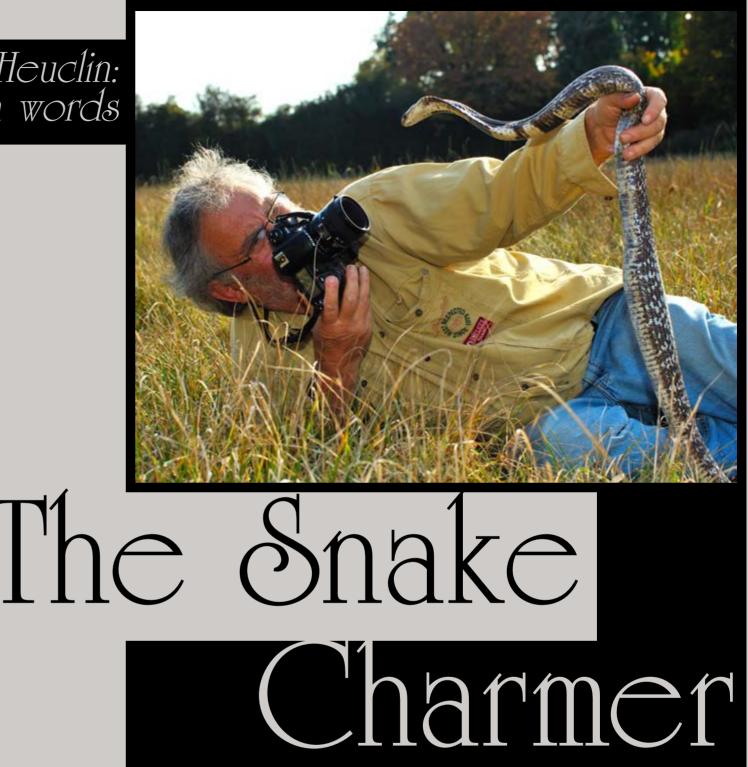
Daniel Heuclin: A Wildlife Photographer in his own words

In the course of my life I have found myself face to face with the world's deadliest snakes, and that is what I love most: always trying to get the photo. In 40 years of globe-trotting I have amassed hundreds of thousands of images about animals, primitive cultures and ethnic communities, but snakes still are my first love. I was supposed to become a doctor, but I have chosen to be a nature photographer. Being one offers me the possibility of travelling, searching for snakes and other animals. It's my great passion. My mother used to tell me that I brought home my first snake when I was two, but I started to get really interested in them when I turned seven, and since my father didn't want me to bring them home I moved to Paris when I turned twenty-one. There I reared snakes, pumas and crocodiles, and I started travelling to photograph animals in their natural environment. People ask me how I can get so close to so many deadly species. The secret is immobility. Snakes don't see well, but have an acute perception of movement. Today I live in the vicinity of Poitiers, in France. I rear snakes and amphibians, I photograph them and I

study their behavior. I have more than 400 animals in my home, and I have a license to keep venomous reptile species, amphibians, small mammals and spiders. I also catch snakes in the wild to photograph them and their behavior in a controlled environment, and then I realease them where they were found. In the course of my lifelong career as a wildlife photographer specializing in snakes, I have received about forty envenomations by venomous animals of which four by different cobra species, with the remaining ones by several vipers, rattlesnakes, scorpions and even a Gila monster Heloderma sp.. Every year, I organize a series of conferences about venomous snakes and I present a show of my images at the Museum of Natural History in Paris. But in forty years of activity I have also been able to touch first-hand the terrifying man-made degradation afflicting all the world's different natural habitats. This is why I keep photographing - to show the vital relationship between man and nature, and to show that the two are inextricably linked.



A legendary pioneer of herpetological photography who has not been afraid to pay a heavy price to realize his spectacular snake portraits - in more than forty years of dealing with some of the world's deadliest snake species

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Western Diamond-backed Rattlesnake

Crotalus atrox

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Wagler's Pit Viper

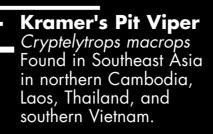
Tropidolaemus wagleri Found in southern Thailand west Malaysia, in Indonesia on Sumatra, the islands of the Riau Archipelago, Bangka, Billiton, Nias, the Mentawai Islands (Siberut), Natuna, Karimata, Borneo, Sulawesi and Buton, and in the Philippines on the islands of Balabac, Basilan, Bohol, Dinagat, Jolo, Leyte, Luzon, Mindanao, Negros, Palawan, Samar and Tumindao.

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Egyptian cobra Naja haje Found across most of North Africa north of the Sahara, across the savan-nas of West Africa to the south of the Sahara, south to the Congo basin and east to Kenya and Tanzania, and in southern parts of the Arabian Peninsula









Pope's Tree Viper Popeia popeorum Found in Northern India, Burma, Thailand, West Malaysia and Vietnam. In Indonesia, it occurs on the islands of Sumatra, Mentawai Islands (Siberut, Sipora, North Pagai) and Borneo.

Conserved Agkistrodon contortrix Found in the United States in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia, In Mexico, it occurs in Chihuahua and Coahuila.







Mohave rattlesnake Crotalus scutulatus Found in the southwestern United States in southern California, southern Nevada, extreme southwestern Utah, most of Arizona, southern New Mexico, and some of Texas. It also ranges southward through much of Mexico to southern Puebla.

Green bush viper Atheris squamigera Found in West and central Africa: Ivory Coast and Ghana, eastward through southern Nigeria to Cameroon, southern Central African Republic, Gabon, Congo, DR Congo, northern Angola, Uganda, Tanzania, western Kenya and Bioko Island.





Indian, Spectacled or Common Cobra Naja naja Native to the Indian subcontinent which includes present day Nepal, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka.



Visayan or Samar cobra Naja samarensis Found in the southern Philippines, and endemic to the islands of Dinagat, Siargao, Camiguin Sur, Bohol, Eastern Visayas region (Leyte, Southern Leyte, Samar, Northern Samar, Eastern Samar) and Mindanao and the Zamboanga Peninsula.

Sidewinder Crotalus cerastes

In the southwestern United States, this species is found in the desert region of eastern California, southern Nevada, southwestern Utah, and western Arizona. In northwestern Mexico, it is found in western Sonora and eastern Baja California.







Portfolio

Red Spitting Cobra *Naja pallida* The red spitting cobra is mainly found in East Africa, including Djibouti, Eritrea, Somalia, southern Egypt, northern and eastern Ethiopia, and northern Tanzania and northern Sudan. It is also widespread in the dry country of eastern and northern Kenya.

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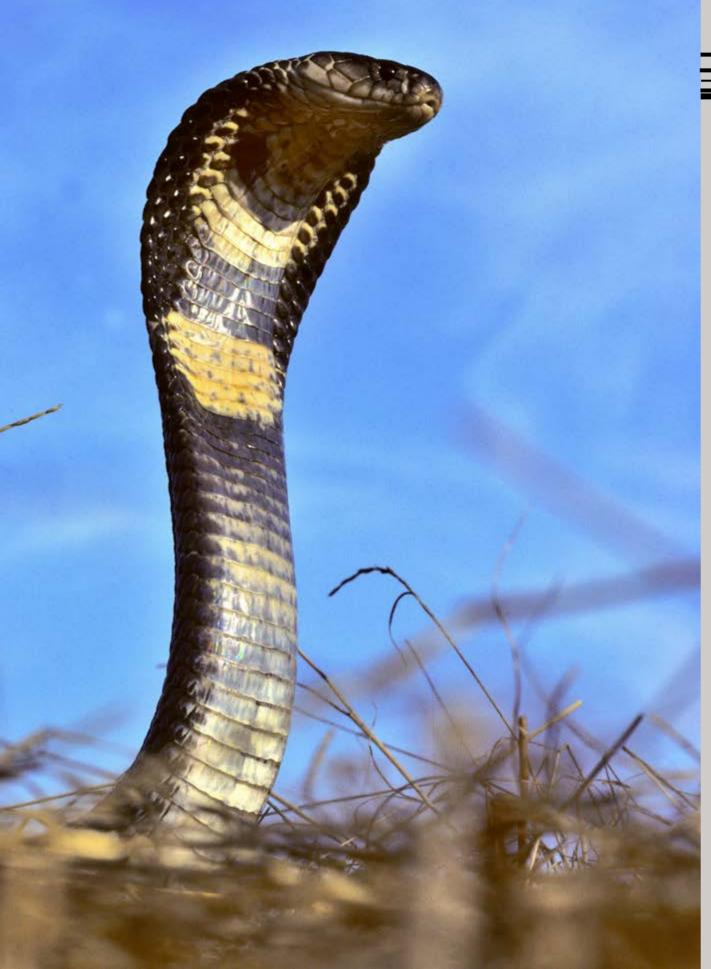


Meadow viper Vipera ursinii

Foun in southeastern France, Hungary, central Italy, Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, northern and northeastern Macedonia, Albania, Romania, northern Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, northwestern Iran, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Russia and across Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and eastern Uzbekistan steppes to China (Xinjiang).







Common cobra

Naja naja Native to the Indian subconti-nent which includes present day Nepal, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka.

Eastern Green Mamba

Eastern Green Mamba Dendroaspis angusticeps This species is indigenous to more coastal regions of southern and east Africa. The eastern green mamba's range extends from Kenya south through Tanzania, Mozambique, Malawi, eastern Zimbabwe, into South Africa as far as southern Natal and northern Pondoland. It can also be Pondoland. It can also be found in Zanzibar.





Canebrake rattlesnake *Crotalus horridus atricaudatus* Found in the eastern United States from southern Minnesota and southern New Hampshire, south to east Texas and north Florida.



Philippine cobra Naja philippinensis Found in the northern regions of the Philippines on the islands of Luzon, Mindoro, Catanduanes, and Masbate.

Equatorial Spitting Cobra Naja sumatrana found in the equatorial Southeast Asian nations of Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and in the Philippines. In Indonesia it occurs in the islands of Sumatra, Borneo, Bangka, Belitung, and the Riau Archipelago.







Usambara eyelash viper Atheris ceratophora Found in the Usambara and Uzungwe Mountains in Tanzania. It is probably also found in the Uluguru Mountains.

Philippine Pit Viper

Trimeresurus flavomaculatus Found on the Philippine islands of Agutayan, Batan, Camiguin, Catanduanes, Dinagat, Jolo, Leyte, Luzon, Mindanao, Mindoro, Negros, and Polillo.



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