

# RED BAMBOO SNAKE

*Oreocryptophis porphyraceus vaillanti*

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## CLASSIFICATION

**Class:** Reptilia

**Order:** Squamata

**Family:** Colubridae

5 other subspecies



NOT LISTED

VERY RARE



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**Identification:** Females can reach about 1 m in length. Most subspecies have a bright red coloration. This subspecies has a beige-orange coloration with two longitudinal black band. Juveniles have brown spots on back.

**Range:** This subspecies occurs in south-east China and north Vietnam. The species can be found from eastern India to China, south to Thailand and Malaysia.

**Habitat :** Mostly found in humid montane forests where the floor is covered with moss and leaves. Some specimens can occur above 2000 meters.

**Behavior:** The species is mostly crepuscular. It spends most of its time in the leaf and moss litter on the forest floor. Feeds mostly on small rodents. Shy species.

**Status in the wild:** So far, the species doesn't face any threats because it lives in remote places. Some populations in Thailand and Malaysia have a very small range.

**In captivity:** The species is commoner in private collections than in zoos. This particular subspecies is one of the rarest, known from only two European zoos.