

Laudankia Vine Snake

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Recently, wildlife enthusiasts have successfully photographed the rare Laudankia Vine Snake (*Ahaetulla laudankia*) in Udaipur's Ubeshwar wildlife area.

About Laudankia Vine Snake

- **Scientific Name:** *Ahaetulla laudankia*.
- It is a **diurnal and arboreal species** belonging to the **vine snake group**.
- **Appearance**
 - The snake is **distinguished by its slender, vine-like body**, chestnut-brown colour with fine black speckles and pale white patches on the lower part of its head.
 - It also has a long, pointed snout, large eyes and horizontal pupils.
- **Habitat:** It inhabits dry deciduous forests, scrublands, hill slopes and other natural green habitats.
- **Distribution:** It is **endemic to India**
 - Its known range extends from the **Eastern Ghats** through **Central India** to **eastern Rajasthan**.

- **Diet:** Its diet mainly consists of lizards, geckos, small frogs and small birds.
- It is **mildly venomous** and rear-fanged, its venom is primarily effective against small prey and is **not considered seriously dangerous to humans**.

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