**Black Mamba (Dendroaspis polylepis)**

**Location:** Eastern and Southern Africa  
**Size:** 8 to 14 feet long  
**Speed:** 15 mph (fastest snake in the world)  
**Food Source:** Birds and rodents

**What makes them so dangerous?** Black mambas are the second longest venomous snake in the world. This aggressive species can lift half of its body off the ground and has been known to strike up to 12 times, each time injecting enough neuro and cardio toxin strong enough to kill 12 men in one hour. Without anti-venom, mortality rate is 100% and death comes quickly - within 20 minutes of the bite.

The mamba gets its name from the black color of the inside of its mouth.