

Adder or Grass Snake?

Do you know the difference?



(*Vipera berus*)

The Adder has a dark zig-zag pattern along its spine. The females are brown and males are grey. They have a heart shaped head and a short stocky body. They can grow to 60cm (24") but are usually smaller. They are usually found on heathland.



(*Natrix natrix*)

The Grass Snake can be greenish or greyish with dark markings. It usually has a yellow and black collar. It has a slender head and body and can grow to well over a metre in length. They are strong swimmers and are usually found near water. They often feign death if disturbed.