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Baby Death Adders Born at Territory Wildlife Park

The Territory Wildlife Park has recently welcomed some deadly additions in the form of 25 baby Northern Death Adders, one of Australia's top 10 most venomous snakes.

Territory Wildlife Park Manager Gae Mackay said it was the first time the Park had bred Northern Death Adders and they were delighted with the high number of offspring.

"Death adders give birth to live young, rather than eggs, and normally about half that number are produced," Ms Mackay said.

"The babies are born after a three–four month gestation period and come out in one of two colours, red or grey.

"These baby Death Adders are currently between 12-15cm in length but by the time they are fully grown will reach between 60-90cm."

Ms Mackay said the baby Northern Death Adders are currently on display in the Nocturnal House, adjacent to their parents.

"It was quite a task for our reptile keeper, Grant Husband, to find the babies because they were hiding amongst the leaf litter," Ms Mackay said.

"Baby Death Adders are just as venomous and deadly as their parents, although there is less of it due to their smaller size.

"We encourage locals and visitors to come and check out the new arrivals, and learn more about our native reptiles and surrounding wildlife in the process."

The Territory Wildlife Park is open everyday except Christmas Day from 8.30am – 6pm.

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Media Note – for more information contact Gae Mackay on 8988 7200

Image – Reptile keeper Grant Husband with one of the baby Northern Death Adders

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