

Snakes of Darwin

A photographic guide to the snakes of Darwin and surrounds in the Northern Territory of Australia



Family Achrochordidae



Achrochordus arafurae
Arafura File Snake



Achrochordus granulatus
Little File Snake

Family Typhlopidae



Ramphotyphlops braminus
Flowerpot Snake



Ramphotyphlops diversus
Diverse Blind Snake



Ramphotyphlops guentherii
Guenther's Blind Snake



Ramphotyphlops nema
Northern Blind Snake



Ramphotyphlops tovelli
Darwin Blind Snake



Ramphotyphlops unguirostris
Claw-snouted Blind Snake

Darwin and surrounds, a place rich in biodiversity in the Top End of the Northern Territory, boasts over 40 species of snakes. While most of the species depicted are widespread, some are only found in the outermost regions. Many snakes exhibit colour variations among species as well as among individuals within a single species, making identification difficult.

Darwinites, care should be taken when approaching "unfamiliar" snakes. Never assume that such a snake is non-venomous.

Family Pythonidae



Antaresia childreni
Children's Python



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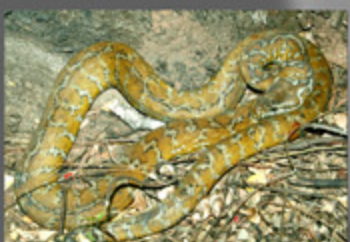
Aspidites melanocephalus
Black-headed Python



Liasis fuscus
Water Python



Liasis olivaceus
Olive Python



Morelia spilota variegata
Northern Carpet Python

Family Elapidae



Acanthophis praelongus
Northern Death Adder



Brachyuropsis roperi
Northern Shovel-nosed Snake



Cryptophis pallidiceps
Northern Small-eyed Snake



Demansia olivacea
Olive Whipsnake



Demansia papuensis
Greater Black Whipsnake



Demansia vestigiata
Lesser Black Whipsnake



Furina ornata
Moon Snake



Oxyuranus scutellatus
Coastal Taipan



Pseudechis australis
King Brown Snake



Pseudechis sp.
Pygmy King Brown Snake



Pseudonaja nuchalis
Western Brown Snake



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Western Brown Snake



Suta punctata
Little Spotted Snake



Vermicella intermedia
Northern Bandy Bandy



Vermicella multifasciata
Narrow-banded Bandy Bandy

Family Colubridae



Boiga irregularis
Brown Tree Snake



Cerberus australis
Australian Bockadam



Dendrelaphis punctulatus
Golden Tree Snake



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Enhydryis polylepis
Macleay's Water Snake



Fordonia leucobalia
White-bellied Mangrove Snake



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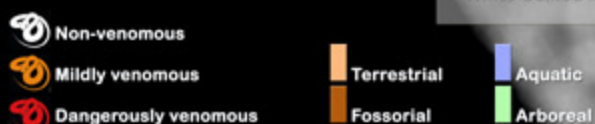
Myron richardsonii
Richardson's Mangrove Snake



Stegonotus cucullatus
Slatey-grey Snake



Tropidonophis mairii
Keelback



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