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Exotic Snakes Seized in Raid on Darwin Home

The Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service has seized two exotic snakes as part of a raid on a Darwin home last night.

Senior wildlife officer Peter Phillips said a man in his 30s is helping the Parks and Wildlife Service with its investigation into the alleged importation and possession of these prohibited entrants.

“We received information that a man was in possession of two albino corn snakes, which are popular overseas pets native to North America,” Mr Phillips said.

“Acting on information we had received, we executed a search warrant with the help of Northern Territory police, who I thank for their support in this matter.

“While no charges have been laid, the Darwin man is helping us with this ongoing investigation.”

Mr Phillips said people charged under the *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act* for importing or possessing prohibited entrants in the Northern Territory could face a maximum penalty of up to one year jail or \$11,000 fine.

“Under section 67B of the Act, a person requires a permit to import or possess a prohibited entrant, which are basically those vertebrates not indigenous to the Territory,” Mr Phillips said.

“For the time being, the snakes will be kept in a safe and secure location.”

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