

## Black-headed python

*Aspidites melanocephalus*

### Description

The black-headed python is a distinctively patterned snake. It has a shiny black head, neck and throat, a cream to light brown body with dark brown or reddish brown to blackish banding. The species is non-venomous and nocturnal and grows to 2.6m. It is thought the black head of this snake allows for the maximum absorption of heat to the body with minimum exposure.

### Distribution

The black-headed python is found from North West Cape, Western Australia, to Gladstone, Queensland, in open woodland, shrubland and outcrops in dry tropical northern areas.

### Regional Abundance

Darwin - Common in rural area, Katherine - Common, Alice Springs - Not found.

### Diet and Reproduction

This beautiful reptile is nocturnal, and feeds on small mammals, ground birds and other reptiles including venomous snakes. They are an egg layer, producing up to 13 eggs in a clutch.

NON-VENOMOUS



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