

Children's python

Liasis childreni

Description

Children's pythons belong to the family Pythonidae and are typically brown to reddish-brown in colour with darker blotches along their back and sides. Their sides are lighter in colour and sometimes there are no blotches present or they may be very faint. Their underbelly is opalescent creamy-white. These non-venomous pythons grow to about 1m in length.

Distribution

Children's pythons are distributed from the Kimberley, Western Australia, to the Gulf of Carpentaria, Queensland. In the Northern Territory they inhabit the monsoonal tropics and are found in rocky outcrops, escarpments and woodlands.

Regional Abundance

Darwin - Common, Katherine - Common, Alice Springs - Not found.

Diet and Reproduction

Children's pythons are nocturnal. Their diet is broad and consists of mammals including bats, birds, lizards and frogs. The species lay clutches of up to 20 eggs.

NON-VENOMOUS



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