

## Secretive snake

*Cryptophis pallidiceps*

**Other names:** northern small-eyed snake

### Description

The secretive snake grows to 55cm in total length and is terrestrial. Colours are black to dark grey with glossy scales. It sometimes has a paler head with a pearly cream, grey or pink underbelly. As its name suggests, they are a secretive nocturnal snake that hides under ground litter, logs or rocks during the day. The secretive snake is venomous, with dogs being highly susceptible to the venom. Caution is advised as a bite from an adult may require medical treatment.

### Distribution

Secretive snakes are found in the woodlands of northern Northern Territory and the northern Kimberley, Western Australia.

### Regional Abundance

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

### Diet and Reproduction

Secretive snakes have a diet of mainly lizards and produce live young in litters of up to five.

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