

Woma

Aspidites ramsayi

Other names: sand python

Description

Womas are grey, light brown to dark brown, reddish-brown or black along the ridge of their backs with lighter sides from cream to yellow or caramel to light brown. They have numerous darker tan to black cross bands usually narrower than the lighter segments, the head is often a shade of yellow to caramel. They sometimes have dark patches around the eyes and snout and the underside is cream to yellow. Womas are a non-venomous, nocturnal python that lives on the ground, the average adult size is around 2m.

Distribution

Womas are limited to arid and desert areas across central Australia this includes parts of Western Australia, Northern Territory, South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland. Womas are often found sheltering in animal burrows, hollow logs or under shrubbery.

Regional Abundance

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

Diet and Reproduction

This beautiful python feeds on small mammals, ground birds and reptiles. Womas produce an average of six eggs in a clutch.

NON-VENOMOUS



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