

# CARPET PYTHON

## DISTRIBUTION



*Morelia spilota*

Carpet pythons are known for their distinctive black and yellow markings which can vary extensively from one snake to the next. They can consist of freckles, stripes, bands and or blotches. Colours can range from a deep gold to a pale yellow or ivory.

The female python will incubate the eggs by coiling around them. She has the ability to physically increase its body temperature, using muscular contractions, which can help to increase the temperature of the eggs.



Although this is not an endangered species, numbers in the wild are decreasing due to habitat loss.



When hunting the snake will lunge out and sink its 100 or so needle-sharp, recurved teeth into it's prey, simultaneously engulfing it in a series of strong, muscular coils. It's prey is constricted and consumed in quite a short period of time.

## FACTS & FIGURES

Where found	Australia, Indonesia and New Guinea.
Habitat	Wide range from rainforests to grassland.
Diet	Rats, mice and other small rodents and marsupials.
Average length	5-12 feet
Number of eggs	15-18
Incubation	8-15 weeks
Average lifespan	20 to 30 years