



Burmese Python

Python molurus bivittatus

Description: One of the biggest species of snake in the world, adults Burmese pythons can reach 25 feet and weigh more than 200 pounds. Their coloration is light tan covered with many dark brown blotches bordered with black.

Range: They are most commonly found in SE Asia including Thailand, Vietnam, China and Indonesia, but are becoming common in other humid climates such as Florida as an introduced species.

Habitat: These large snakes like to dwell in grasslands, marshes, swamps and woodlands.

Life Span: Up to 50 years

Natural Diet: Small to medium mammals, reptiles, and amphibians, birds, and very large snakes will occasionally eat small deer or similarly sized animals.

Zoo Diet: Rats and occasionally rabbits.

Behavior: Excellent climbers when they are young, but as they get larger they become restricted to the ground. They are excellent swimmers and are frequently found around water. Snakes tend to be nocturnal in nature, spending day light hours hidden inside brush, tall grass or hollow logs.

Reproduction: Females tend to be larger than the males. Females lay a clutch of 12-36 eggs in early spring. She will remain with the eggs until they hatch. Offspring receive no parental care.

Conservation Status: Common, but threatened with habitat loss.