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Description: This non-venomous species has a thick body 3-14 feet long and can weigh 100 pounds or more. They have reddish-brown oval or diamond-shaped patterns on their back.

Habitat: Tropical rainforests, semi-deserts, rocky hillsides, savannas, and near cultivated fields and homes.

Range: Central and South America, from Mexico to Argentina, and to the Lesser Antilles and other islands.



Life Span: 20 to 30 years in the wild. Up to 40 years has been reported in captivity.

Natural Diet: Small to medium-sized mammals depending on the constrictor's size. May not eat for a few weeks due to slow metabolism and size of prey.

Zoo Diet: Mice and rats.

Behavior: Will wrap around prey to restrict blood flow to the brain, rendering them unconscious.

Reproduction: Females have live young. Sexual maturity is at 3-4 years of age.

Conservation Status: Has not been assessed by the IUCN.



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