



# Yellow Anaconda

## *Eunectes notaeus*

**Description:** The Yellow Anaconda is a large snake growing about 10 feet long. They are named for the yellow color on their bodies. This color with dark splotches helps them to camouflage well in the woods and water.

**Habitat:** Tropical areas by water. They will often lay in water for long periods of time.

**Range:** Central to southern part of South America.



**Life Span:** Average life span is 15-20 years.

**Natural Diet:** Birds, rodents, and fish.

**Zoo Diet:** Rats once a week.

**Behavior:** Anacondas are known to be slightly aggressive. Most of their time is spent in the water soaking, but they are capable of climbing and will seek shelter or find a place to bask in low branches.

**Reproduction:** Courtship, breeding, and even birth commonly take place in water. Anacondas are ovoviviparous, which means the young develop in clear membranes inside the mother and are then born live.

**Conservation:** Has not been assessed by the IUCN.

