

Burmese Pythons

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Burmese Python Latest News

Authorities in Florida have turned to robot rabbits for help to control the population of Burmese pythons.

About Burmese Python

- It is one of the largest snake species in the world. It can grow up to 20 feet and weigh more than 250 pounds, with females being larger than males.
- It is a **non-venomous, solitary** and mainly **nocturnal forest dweller snake**.
- It is also an **excellent swimmer** and is able to stay submerged for up to half an hour. Burmese pythons spend the majority of their time hidden in the underbrush and will usually move only when hunting or when threatened.
- Until 2009, it was considered a subspecies of *Python molurus*, but is now recognized as a distinct species.
- **Habitat of Burmese Pythons:** They live in **grasslands, marshes, swamps, wet rocky areas**, caves, woodlands, rainforests, mangrove forests, river valleys, and jungles with open clearings.
- **Conservation Status** of Burmese Pythons: **IUCN: Vulnerable**

Distribution of Burmese Pythons

- It is native to the **tropical rainforests and subtropical jungles** of eastern and northeastern **India, Myanmar, southern China**, Southeast Asia, and to some extent of the Indonesian archipelago. Its distribution also encompasses eastern Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh.
- It is an invasive species in Florida as a result of the pet trade.

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