



SNAKE PROFILE

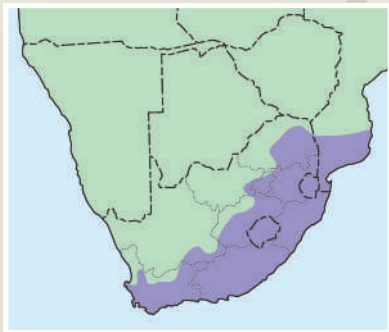


Common Slug-eater (*Duberria lutrix lutrix*)

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Other names:

Gewone Slakvreter; Tabakrolletjie



A small snake that averages 30 – 35 cm. It feeds exclusively on snails and slugs and locates them by following the slime trail. The Slug-eater favours damp localities in the eastern half of South Africa.

During the day it seeks shelter under rocks, logs and grass tufts and emerges in the evening to hunt. It is reluctant to bite and if threatened will defecate and secrete a foul-smelling substance simultaneously. It also has the peculiar habit of rolling up into a tight spiral with the head concealed, like a roll of tobacco, hence the Afrikaans name.

This small slow-moving snake is not venomous and poses no threat to humans.

