



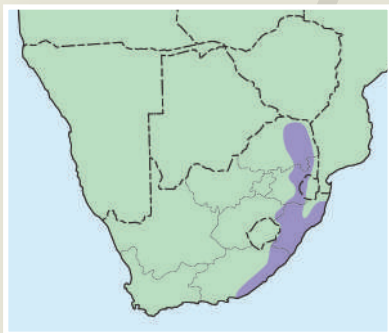
SNAKE PROFILE



Southern Brown Egg-eater (*Dasypeltis inornata*)

HARMLESS

Other names:
Suidelike Bruin Eiertreter



A harmless egg-eating snake that averages 75 cm but may exceed 1 m in length. It is active at night and is amazingly skilled at finding birds' eggs. These snakes can be problematic for bird breeders as several eggs can be devoured in a single session.

Eggs are swallowed whole and the shell is cracked by special bony projections in the neck – the contents is swallowed and the shell is regurgitated in a neat small package.

Females lay 7 – 24 eggs. All of the egg-eating snakes have heavily-keeled body scales. If cornered this snake puts up quite a show flattening its head exposing the upper lips and will strike quite viciously but lacks teeth.

