

MILDLY VENOMOUS

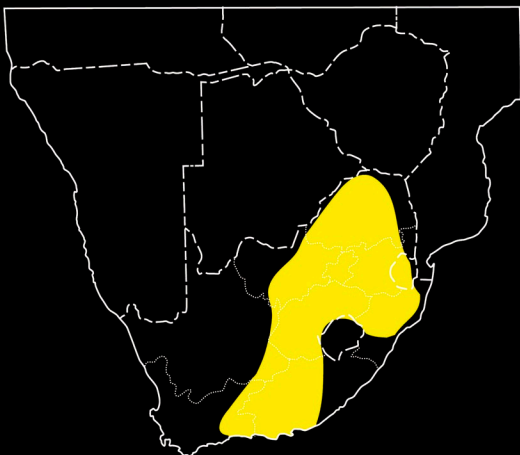


Highveld Lesser-Thicktail (*Uroplectes triangulifer*)

A small scorpion under 5 cm with the tail extended. An orange to yellow scorpion with two dark bands running down the back. The arms are usually dark with yellow pincers. The tail and legs are also yellow with the last segment of the tail being dark. Can occur in a dark black/blue variation with red legs, often in high altitude areas of Mpumalanga. Probably one of the most common scorpion species in South Africa. Endemic to South Africa (including Swaziland and Lesotho) widely spread in grasslands. Occurs in the Free State, Mpumalanga, Gauteng, North-west and Limpopo. It is found under rocks and debris usually on hard soils. The sting of this species may cause pain but is not medically important.



Maximum size
5 cm



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