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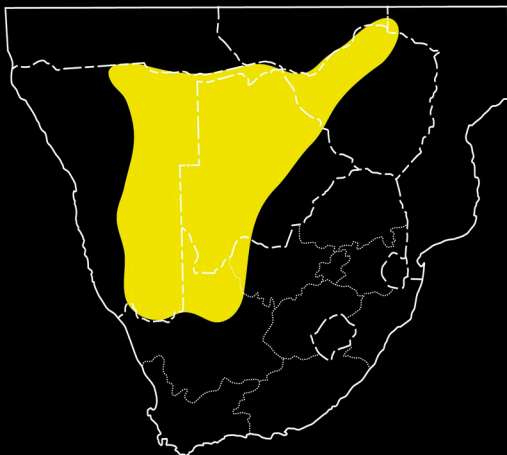


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Kalahari Thicktail (*Parabuthus raudus*)



Maximum size
16 cm



A large scorpion of around 16 cm with the tail extended. They are usually pale orange or yellow with a darker back. The last segments of the tail are usually darker than the rest of the tail.

This species is known from the Kalahari vegetation of the Northern Cape with a few scattered records on the western border of Limpopo. It occurs throughout Namibia and into Botswana and Angola. It can be confused with the Cape and Granulated Thicktail Scorpion.

The venom of this species causes pain and stings should be treated in a hospital. Antivenom is not effective against the venom of this species.



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