

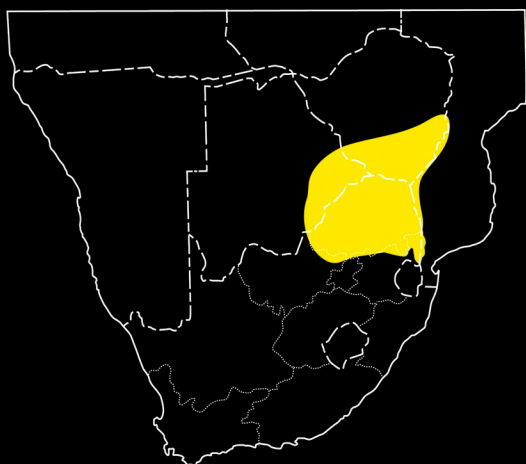
VERY DANGEROUS



Transvaal Thicktail (*Parabuthus transvaalicus*)



Maximum size
15 cm



One of the larger scorpions in southern Africa reaching a length of around 15cm with the tail extended. Usually dark brown to black in colour often with lighter pincers.

It occupies bushveld habitat and can be found under rocks, logs and other debris. It often ventures into houses and can also be found under outside lights at night, hunting insects and other prey. It occurs from Marble hall north into Mpu-malanga, Limpopo and North-west as well as into southern Botswana and Zimbabwe

Often confused with the Rough Thicktail Scorpion as size and colour can be similar.

The venom is of medical importance and antivenom is effective for stings.



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