



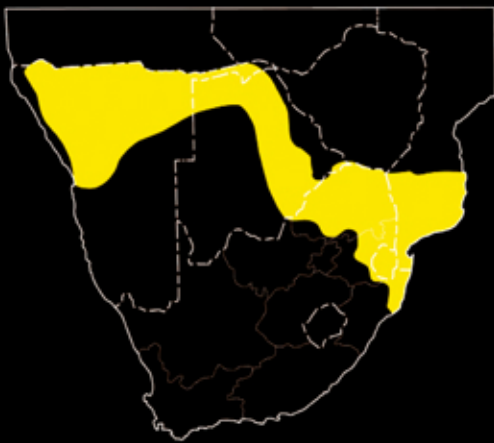
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## Schlegel's Blind Snake (*Afrotyphlops schlegelii*)

**Maximum Length:**  
**80.4 cm**



### Other names:

Schlegel se haakneusblindslang

This is one of Africa's largest Blind snake averaging 60cm but may reach a length of 80 cm. It spends most of its life underground where it feeds on termites and their larvae but often emerges after heavy rain. Otherwise it may be found under logs or rocks or may be exposed during earth moving operations.

Large individuals often store fat in the back half of the body and are obese. They are completely harmless and, as the common name indicates, are close to blind with scales covering the eyes. When handled they often dig the sharp tip on the end of their tails into one's hand.



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