



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Rough Burrower

(Opistophthalmus glabrifrons)



Maximum size 12 cm

A large scorpion of around 12 cm with the tail extended. It is dark brown to light brown and even dark orange/yellow in colour with light yellow legs. The head is usually light brown in colour. The pincers are pale brown with dark tips. It is found throughout the eastern half of South Africa from Mpumalanga, western eSwatini, Gauteng, North-west and north into Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. It burrows under rocks or open ground and may be active on warm nights. It may be confused with other Burrower Scorpions. The sting of this species may cause pain but is not medically important.



