



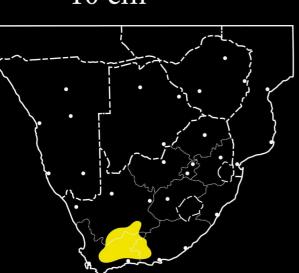


## Karoo Burrower

## (Opistophthalmus karrooensis)



Maximum size 10 cm



A large scorpion of around 10 cm with the tail extended. It is dark brown to black in colour with light yellow legs and tail. The head is pale yellow from the eyes to the mouth parts. The pincers are usually pale brown or yellow with black tips. It is common throughout the Karoo often found under rocks in shallow burrows and rock crevices. It is also active on warm nights.

It is found in the dryer Karoo areas north of the Cape Fold Mountains usually in rocky habitats. It may be confused with other burrower scorpions. The sting of this species may cause pain but is not medically important.

