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Dusky Burrower

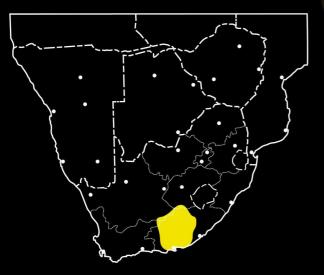
(Opistophthalmus latimanus)



Maximum size 10.5 cm

A large burrowing scorpion of around 10 cm with the tail extended. It is dark brown to black in colour with reddish-brown or dark legs. The body is often crusted in mud. The head is russet-brown from the eyes to the mouth parts. The pincers are large and dark. It is common throughout the central Eastern Cape and found under rocks in shallow burrows. It is also 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.





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