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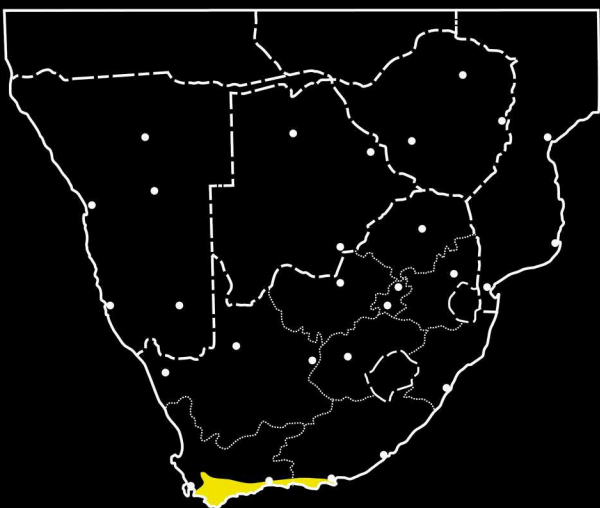
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Fynbos Burrower (*Opisthophthalmus macer*)

A large scorpion of around 11 cm with the tail extended. It is dark brown with a lighter stinger and pincers. The back often has thin pale bands across it. The top of the head is usually a lighter russet brown to yellow colour. It is endemic to the Cape, found from about Somerset West in the Western Cape eastward to Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape. It is found under rocks and debris often on coastal dune sand or higher in fynbos regions. It is 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.



Maximum size
11 cm



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