



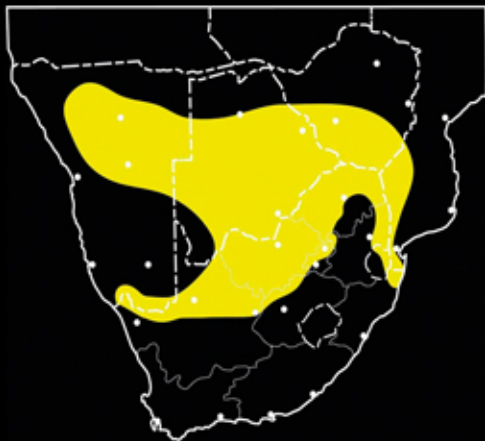
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## Two-striped Shovel-snout (*Prosymna bivittata*)

Maximum Length:  
35 cm



Other names:  
Tweestreep Graafneusslang

A greyish to purple-brown or reddish-brown snake with a broken orange to yellow stripe down the vertebrae, often with black spots or blotches. The snout is characteristically pointed. It inhabits savanna grasslands but also enters karoo scrub, Richtersveld and Kalahari biomes where it may be found under logs and rocks in sandy areas. It is known to coil and uncoil like the old clock springs. These snakes feed exclusively on reptile eggs including soft-shelled lizard and snake eggs which are sliced open with the long rear maxillary teeth. Females lay 3-4 eggs measuring 27-29 x 7-9 mm. They are harmless and pose no threat to humans.



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