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Common Wolf Snake (*Lycophidion capense*)



Max length
64 cm



A small widespread nocturnal snake that averages 25–40 cm in length. It is generally black or brown in colour, often with faint white markings speckles on the scales.

The belly may be black, brown or white. This snake is often confused with the venomous stiletto snakes but has large brown or grey eyes. The Common Wolf Snake is known to coil and uncoil, hiding its head under its body as the stiletto snakes may do. It feeds on lizards, especially smooth-scaled skinks, and has large recurved teeth that it uses to hold onto lizards. This snake is harmless and seldom attempts to bite.

