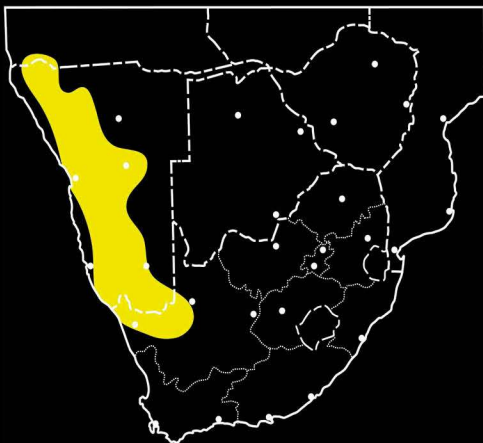


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Western Thread Snake (*Namibiana occidentalis*)

Maximum Length:
32.2 cm



Other names:

Westelike Wurmslang

A small thread snake that averages 20 cm with a maximum length of 32.2 cm. Unlike many of the other blackish thread snakes this one is light brown to purplish brown or pink in colour and with a paler belly. It inhabits the drier western region of northern Namaqualand and western Namibia where it may be found under rocks or on the surface after rains.

Like the other thread snakes, it feeds largely on termites and their eggs. It is thought to be egg-laying, but the number of eggs laid is not known. It poses no danger to humans.

