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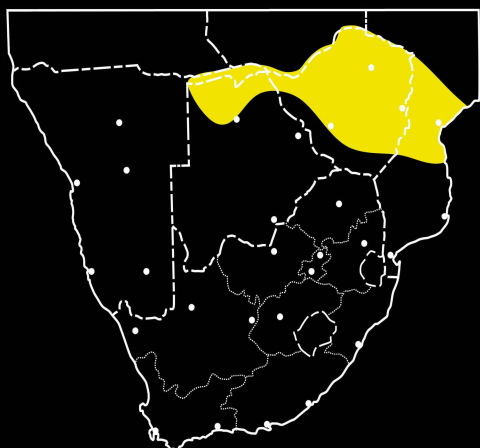


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## Olive Marsh Snake

(*Natriciteres olivacea*)

Maximum Length:  
54 cm



### Other names:

Olyfkleurige Vleislang

A slow-moving diurnal snake that is reddish-brown to grey, usually with a darker band down the centre of the back. The upper lips are pale or yellow, usually with dark edges. The belly is usually yellow. It is semi-aquatic and often found close to streams, pans and wetlands. It is usually found beneath logs and rocks, or in crevices in clay banks of streams and is most active in the mornings and evenings. This is a small snake averaging 25-35 cm in length. It is a slow-moving snake but known to dash into thick cover if surprised. It hunts for frogs, tadpoles and small fish. It is known to break off the tip of the tail if grabbed. This species is inoffensive and seldom attempts to bite.



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