

Common and Dangerous

SCORPIONS of South Africa

Highly Venomous
Size 10 - 15 cm



Rough Thicktail
Parabuthus granulatus

Venomous
Size 10 - 15 cm



Kalahari Thicktail
Parabuthus raudus

Highly Venomous
Size 8 - 15 cm



Transvaal Thicktail
Parabuthus transvaalicus

Venomous
Size 6 - 10 cm



Cape Thicktail
Parabuthus capensis

Venomous
Size 9 - 12 cm



Schlechter's Thicktail
Parabuthus schlechteri

Venomous
Size 6 - 10 cm



Drab Thicktail
Parabuthus planicauda

Venomous
Size 4 - 6 cm



Eastern Nomad
Hottentotta trilineatus

Mildly Venomous
Size 2 - 3.5 cm



Plain Pygmy-thicktail
Pseudolychas ochraceus

Mildly Venomous
Size 4 - 5 cm



Eastern Bark Scorpion
Uroplectes vittatus

Mildly Venomous
Size 3 - 5 cm



Highveld Lesser-thicktail
Uroplectes triangulifer

Mildly Venomous
Size 2.5 - 4 cm



Common Lesser-thicktail
Uroplectes carinatus

Mildly Venomous
Size 4 - 6 cm



Orange Lesser-thicktail
Uroplectes planimanus

Mildly Venomous
Size 4 - 5.5 cm



Olive Lesser-thicktail
Uroplectes olivaceus

Mildly Venomous
Size 3 - 4 cm



Striped Lesser-thicktail
Uroplectes lineata

Mildly Venomous
Size 2.5 - 3 cm



Fair Lesser-thicktail
Uroplectes formosus

Mildly Venomous
Size 6.5 - 8 cm



Tree Creeper
Opisthacanthus asper

Mildly Venomous
Size 7 - 9 cm



Jones's Creeper
Cheloctonus jonesii

Mildly Venomous
Size 13 - 21 cm



Giant Rock Scorpion
Hadogenes troglodytes

Mildly Venomous
Size 10 - 11 cm



Gunning's Rock Scorpion
Hadogenes gunningi

Mildly Venomous
Size 6 - 8 cm



Highveld Burrower
Opisthophthalmus pugnax

Mildly Venomous
Size 7 - 13 cm



Cape Burrower
Opisthophthalmus capensis

Mildly Venomous
Size 4 - 6 cm



Smooth Creeper
Opisthacanthus diremptus

Mildly Venomous
Size 6 - 9 cm



Cape Creeper
Opisthacanthus capensis

Mildly Venomous
Size 8 - 11 cm



Fynbos Burrower
Opisthophthalmus macer

Mildly Venomous
Size 7 - 12 cm



Rough Burrower
Opisthophthalmus glabrifrons

Mildly Venomous
Size 8 - 10 cm



Radiant Burrower
Opisthophthalmus carinatus

Mildly Venomous
Size 10-12 cm



Namaqua Burrower
Opisthophthalmus pallipes

Midly Venomous
Size 7 - 9 cm



Drakensberg Creeper
Opisthacanthus validus

Mildly Venomous
Size 8 - 10 cm



Karoo Burrower
Opisthophthalmus karoensis

Mildly Venomous
Size 8 - 11 cm



Kalahari Burrower
Opisthophthalmus wahlbergii

Highly Venomous - a potentially deadly sting that may require medical attention.

Venomous - a painful sting but not considered deadly.

Mildly Venomous - painful to mild sting that should fade in a few hours.

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