



DUGITE

Description

Dugites are venomous snakes. They vary in colour from grey to olive to brown on the top of their bodies, with an olive or yellowish belly. Black scales can be scattered over the body and the head can be paler or darker than the rest of the body. Young dugites have black heads.

Diet

Dugites are **carnivores**. Before human settlement they mostly ate other reptiles, such as lizards and snakes. Since then they have adapted well to eating mice and rats.

In the wild

They may be found sheltering beneath logs or rocks or living in abandoned burrows or hollow logs. When disturbed, Dugites are very shy and will often slither away, however, they will defend themselves if cornered.

Threats

The main natural predators of Dugites are birds of prey and monitor lizards. Introduced animals such as cats and dogs also attack Dugites.

At Perth Zoo

Perth Zoo has a male Dugite inside the **Reptile Encounter**.

Scientific Name

Pseudonaja affinis

Conservation Status

Extinct

Extinct in the Wild

Critically Endangered

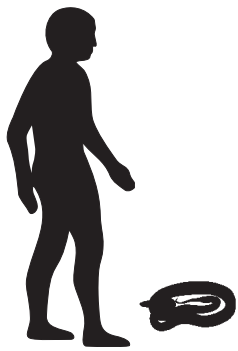
Endangered

Vulnerable

Near-Threatened

Least Concern

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Body Length: Up to 2 m

Weight: up to 1.5 kg

Incubation: 65–90 days

Number of eggs: 10



Distribution ■

Distribution: South Western Australia

Habitat: All habitats

Did you know?

The Dugite is not very aggressive. A member of the brown snake family, the Dugite is nowhere near as venomous as its cousin, the Eastern Brown Snake.



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