



Royal Python or Ball Python

Python regius

Royal Pythons are calm, gentle and curious, making them an ideal beginners snake. You should be aware of their adult size, reaching up to 5 foot (1.5m) in length

What does a Royal Python look like?

Royal Pythons are also known as Ball Pythons due to them rolling into a ball in defence. This species of Python grows to an average length of 4 foot (1.2 m), with the females being the large of the two. Some specimens have been known to reach more than 5 foot (1.5m) in length.

Royal Pythons have a distinctive head, slender neck and a wide body. The body colour is black with yellow, gold or brown markings. The patterns may be banded, broken or reduced in some specimens and some may have a dorsal stripe.

Where are Royal Pythons from?

Royal Pythons are found within Central and Western Africa. They inhabit forests and are equally comfortable on the ground or in trees. These Pythons are active during dawn and dusk and hide away during the day.