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Burmese Python

Python molurus bivittatus

Peoria Zoo Exhibit Historic Entry Building

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Habitat: Grasslands, marshes, swamps, rocky foothills, woodlands, river valleys, and jungles with open clearings

Range: Southeast Asia including Burma, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, China and Indonesia

Activity Cycle: Nocturnal-active at night

Size: Average between 15-20 ft length
Weigh up to 200 pounds

Social Structure: Solitary
Females will lay on average 12-36 eggs in the spring. She will remain with the eggs until they hatch, keeping them warm.

Distinguishing Features: Light colored snakes with many brown blotches bordered in black down the back.

They use their tongue to smell.
They can open their mouths wide, allowing them to swallow things 4-5 times the size of their head.

Diet: Appropriately sized birds and mammals

Life Span: ~20 Years

Did you know?

Female snakes will wrap around her eggs and twitch her muscles in such a way to raise the ambient temperature around the eggs by several degrees.