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Animal Fact Sheet

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Brown tree snake

Boiga irregularis

The brown tree snake did to Guam what almost no invasive species has managed anywhere: it emptied a forest of its birds. Arriving in military cargo shortly after the Second World War — genetic work t…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Colubridae
Habitat: Forests, woodlands, and urban areas
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 100-500 grams
Scientific name: Boiga irregularis

Did you know?

- The brown tree snake's accidental introduction to Guam is considered one of the most devastating examples of invasive species impact, leading to the …
- In 2021 researchers filming the snakes discovered an entirely new form of snake locomotion: brown tree snakes climb smooth vertical poles by forming …

What I learned

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