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Green Tree Python

Morelia viridis

Morelia viridis of New Guinea, the Cape York Peninsula and nearby islands is the classic case of ontogenetic colour change in a snake: hatchlings emerge either bright lemon-yellow or brick-red, and o…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Pythonidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest canopies
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 15-20 years
Weight: 1-2 kg
Scientific name: Morelia viridis

Did you know?

- Despite their name, Green Tree Pythons are not closely related to true pythons but show remarkable convergent evolution with the emerald tree boa of …
- In some New Guinea populations red and yellow hatchlings appear in the same clutch, and the two morphs converge on the same green adult, so there is …

What I learned

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