

# Stimson's python

*Antaresia stimsoni*

(named after A.F. Stimson of the British Museum)

Stimson's pythons are a small snake found over much of central and western Australia.

Also called blotched pythons or inland children's pythons, the Stimson's python is a popular family pet.

These pythons are listed as Vulnerable due to habitat loss.



## Facts

- Stimson's pythons are not venomous - no python is venomous
- These pythons make great family pets - but you have to hold the correct license and learn how to care for them properly
- They are often incorrectly called *Stimpson's* pythons - but there is no P in their name
- The females incubate their eggs by wrapping around them and shivering
- Stimson's pythons are ambush hunters, lying in wait on the ground for small lizards, frogs, and mammals
- Like all snakes, they can go without food for months

## At Kanyana

We have two resident Stimson's pythons at Kanyana.

**Brownie** (aka Mrs Brown) had been taken from the wild as a baby in 2008 and kept illegally until she was seized by the Department of Parks and Wildlife. She was donated to Kanyana in 2010 for education.

**Jinda** was bred in January 2007 by an authorised reptile breeder. He was purchased and donated by a Kanyana volunteer for education. Jinda's name is a Noongar word for *star*.

You can **see our pythons** on our **day tours** and on Kanyana's annual open day in early May,

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Kanyana.**

