

# SNAKES Harmful & Harmless

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## Checklist of Australian snakes – current at 1 July 2023

Total number of venomous snakes in Oz – **144**, comprising **5** rear-fanged, **106** front-fanged land snakes and **33** front-fanged sea snakes. **These are in red.**

Total number of venomous snakes in WA – **87**, comprising **5** rear-fanged, **58** front-fanged land snakes and **24** front-fanged sea snakes.

Total number of snakes in WA –**128**, includes the above **87**, plus **29** blind snakes, **1** file snake, **2** solid-toothed colubrids and **9** pythons.

Total number of snakes in Oz –**216**, includes the above **145**, plus **48** blind snakes, **2** file snake, **5** solid-toothed colubrids and **16** pythons - **currently only 16 pythons listed below, but *Liasis barroni* is genetically distinct from *olivaceus*, so could eventually be elevated to full species.**

### SERPENTES

#### TYPHLOPIDAE (48 species, WA - 29)

<i>Anilios</i>	Gray, 1845
<i>A. affinis</i>	(Boulenger, 1889)
<i>A. ammodytes</i>	(Montague, 1914)
<i>A. aspina</i>	Couper et al, 1998)
<i>A. australis</i>	<b>Gray, 1845</b>
<i>A. batillus</i>	(Waite, 1894)
<i>A. bicolor</i>	(Peters, 1857)
<i>A. bituberculatus</i>	(Peters, 1863)
<i>A. broomi</i>	(Boulenger, 1898)
<i>A. centralis</i>	(Storr, 1984)
<i>A. chamodracaena</i>	(Ingram & Covacevich, 1993)
<i>A. diversus</i>	(Waite, 1894)
<i>A. endoterus</i>	(Waite, 1918)
<i>A. fossor</i>	Shea, 2015
<i>A. ganei</i>	(Aplin, 1998)
<i>A. grypus</i>	(Waite, 1918)
<i>A. guentheri</i>	(Peters, 1865)
<i>A. hamatus</i>	(Storr, 1981)
<i>A. howi</i>	(Storr, 1983)
<i>A. insperatus</i>	Venchi, Wilson & Borsboom, 2015
<i>A. kimberleyensis</i>	(Storr, 1981)
<i>A. leptosoma</i>	(Robb, 1972)
<i>A. leucoproctus</i>	(Boulenger, 1889)
<i>A. ligatus</i>	(Peters, 1879)
<i>A. longissimus</i>	(Aplin, 1998)
<i>A. margaretae</i>	(Storr, 1981)

<i>A. micromma</i>	<b>(Storr, 1981)</b>
<i>A. minimus</i>	(Kinghorn, 1929)
<i>A. nema</i>	(Shea & Horner, 1996)
<i>A. nigrescens</i>	Gray, 1845
<i>A. obtusifrons</i>	<b>Ellis et al, 2017</b>
<i>A. pilbarensis</i>	<b>(Aplin &amp; Donnellan, 1993)</b>
<i>A. pinguis</i>	<b>(Waite, 1897)</b>
<i>A. proximus</i>	(Waite, 1893)
<i>A. robertsi</i>	(Couper, et al. 1998)
<i>A. silvia</i>	(Ingram & Covacevich, 1993)
<i>A. splendidus</i>	<b>(Aplin, 1998)</b>
<i>A. systemos</i>	<b>Ellis et al, 2017</b>
<i>A. torresianus</i>	(Boulenger, 1889)
<i>A. tovelli</i>	(Loveridge, 1945)
<i>A. troglodytes</i>	<b>(Storr, 1981)</b>
<i>A. unguistrostris</i>	<b>(Peters, 1867)</b>
<i>A. vagurima</i>	<b>Ellis, 2019</b>
<i>A. waitii</i>	<b>(Boulenger, 1895)</b>
<i>A. wiedii</i>	(Peters, 1867)
<i>A. yampiensis</i>	<b>(Storr, 1981)</b>
<i>A. yirrikalae</i>	(Kinghorn, 1942)
<i>A. zonula</i>	<b>Ellis, 2016</b>
<i>Indotyphlops</i>	Hedges et al, 2014
<i>I. braminus</i>	<b>(Daudin, 1803)</b>

#### BOIDAE (16 species, WA - 9)

<i>Antaresia</i>	Wells & Wellington, 1985
<i>A. childreni</i>	<b>(Gray, 1842)</b>
<i>A. maculosa</i>	(Peters, 1873)
<i>A. perthensis</i>	<b>(Stull, 1932)</b>
<i>Aspidites</i>	Peters, 1876
<i>A. melanocephalus</i>	<b>(Krefft, 1864)</b>
<i>A. ramsayi</i>	<b>(Macleay, 1882)</b>
<i>Leiopython</i>	Hubrecht, 1979
<i>L. albertisii</i>	(Peters & Doria, 1878)
<i>Liasis</i>	Gray, 1842
<i>L. mackloti</i>	<b>(Duméril &amp; Bibron, 1844)</b>
<i>L. m. fuscus</i>	<b>(Peters, 1873)</b>
<i>L. olivaceus</i>	<b>(Gray, 1842)</b>
<i>L. o. barroni</i>	<b>(Smith, 1981)</b>
<i>L. o. olivaceus</i>	
<i>Morelia</i>	Gray, 1842
<i>M. bredli</i>	(Gow, 1981)

<i>M. carinata</i>	(Smith, 1981)
<i>M. imbricata</i>	(Smith, 1981)
<i>M. kinghorni</i>	(Stull, 1933)
<i>M. oenpelliensis</i>	(Gow, 1977)
<i>M. spilota</i>	(Lacépède, 1804)
<i>M. s. cheynei</i>	(Wells & Wellington, 1984)
<i>M. s. mcdowellii</i>	(Wells & Wellington, 1984)
<i>M. s. metcalfei</i>	(Wells & Wellington, 1984)
<i>M. s. spilota</i>	
<i>M. s. variegata</i>	(Gray, 1842)
<i>M. viridis</i>	(Schlegel, 1872)

ACROCHORDIDAE (2 species, WA - 1)

<i>Acrochordus</i>	Hornstedt, 1787
<i>A. arafurae</i>	(McDowell, 1979)
<i>A. granulatus</i>	(Schneider, 1799)

COLUBRIDAE (11 species, WA - 7) (*mildly venomous, rear-fanged species in red*)

<i>Boiga</i>	Fitzinger, 1826
<i>B. irregularis</i>	(Merrem, 1802)
<i>Cerberus</i>	Cuvier, 1829
<i>C. australis</i>	(Gray, 1842)
<i>Dendrelaphis</i>	Boulenger, 1890
<i>D. calligastra</i>	(Gunther, 1867)
<i>D. punctulata</i>	(Gray, 1826)
<i>Enhydris</i>	Sonnini & Latreille, 1802
<i>E. polylepis</i>	(Fischer, 1886)
<i>Fordonia</i>	Gray, 1842
<i>F. leucobalia</i>	(Schlegel, 1837)
<i>Myron</i>	Gray, 1849
<i>M. resetari</i>	Murphy, 2011
<i>M. richardsonii</i>	Gray, 1849
<i>Stegonotus</i>	Duméril, Bibron & Duméril, 1854
<i>S. cucullatus</i>	(Duméril, Bibron & Duméril, 1854)
<i>S. parvus</i>	(Meyer, 1874)
<i>Tropidonophis</i>	Jan, 1863
<i>T. mairii</i>	(Gray, 1841)
<i>T. m. mairii</i>	

ELAPIDAE (105 species, WA - 58) (all are front-fanged species)

Subfamily Hydrophiinae

Terrestrial Elapids

<i>Acanthophis</i>	Daudin, 1803
<i>A. antarcticus</i>	(Shaw & Nodder, 1802)
<i>A. cryptamydros</i>	Maddock, Ellis, Doughty, Lawrence, Smith & Wuster, 2015
<i>A. praelongus</i>	Ramsay, 1877
<i>A. pyrrhus</i>	Boulenger, 1898
<i>A. wellsi</i>	Hoser, 1998
<i>Antairoserpens</i>	Wells & Wellington, 1984
<i>A. albiceps</i>	(Boulenger, 1898)
<i>A. warro</i>	(De Vis, 1884)
<i>Austrelaps</i>	Worrell, 1963
<i>A. labialis</i>	Rawlinson, 1991
<i>A. ramsayi</i>	Rawlinson, 1991
<i>A. superbus</i>	(Gunther, 1858)
<i>Brachyuropis</i>	Gunther, 1863
<i>B. approximans</i>	(Glauert, 1954)
<i>B. australis</i>	(Krefft, 1864)
<i>B. campbelli</i>	
<i>B. fasciolatus</i>	(Gunther, 1872)
<i>B. f. fasciatus</i>	(Stirling & Zietz, 1893)
<i>B. f. fasciolatus</i>	
<i>B. incinctus</i>	(Storr, 1968)
<i>B. morrisoni</i>	Horner, 1998
<i>B. roperi</i>	(Kinghorn, 1931)
<i>B. semifasciatus</i>	(Gunther, 1863)
<i>Cacophis</i>	Gunther, 1863
<i>C. churchilli</i>	Wells & Wellington, 1985
<i>C. harriettae</i>	Krefft, 1869
<i>C. krefftii</i>	Gunther, 1863
<i>C. squamulosus</i>	(Duméril, Bibron & Duméril, 1854)
<i>Cryptophis</i>	Worrell, 1961
<i>C. boschmai</i>	(Brongersma, et al. 1964)
<i>C. incredibilis</i>	(Wells & Wellington, 1985)
<i>C. nigrescens</i>	(Gunther, 1862)
<i>C. nigrostriatus</i>	(Krefft, 1864)
<i>C. pallidiceps</i>	(Gunther, 1858)
<i>Demansia</i>	Gunther, 1858
<i>D. angusticeps</i>	Shea, 2007
<i>D. calodera</i>	Storr, 1978
<i>D. cyanochasma</i>	Nankivell, Maryan, Bush & Hutchinson, 2023
<i>D. flagellatio</i>	Shea, 2007

<i>D. olivacea</i>	(Gray, 1842)
<i>D. papuensis</i>	(Macleay, 1877)
<i>D. psammophis</i>	(Schlegel, 1837)
<i>D. quaesitor</i>	Shea, 2007
<i>D. reticulata</i>	(Gray, 1842)
<i>D. rimcola</i>	Shea, 2007
<i>D. rufescens</i>	Storr, 1978
<i>D. shinei</i>	Shea, 2007
<i>D. simplex</i>	Storr, 1978
<i>D. torquata</i>	(Gunther, 1862)
<i>D. vestigiata</i>	(De Vis, 1884)
<i>Denisonia</i>	Krefft, 1869
<i>D. devisi</i>	Waite & Longman, 1920
<i>D. maculata</i>	(Steindachner, 1867)
<i>Drysdalia</i>	Worrell, 1961
<i>D. coronoides</i>	(Gunther, 1858)
<i>D. mastersii</i>	(Krefft, 1866)
<i>D. rhodagaster</i>	(Jan & Sordelli, 1873)
<i>Echiopsis</i>	Fitzinger, 1843
<i>E. curta</i>	(Schlegel, 1837)
<i>Elapognathus</i>	Boulenger, 1896
<i>E. coronatus</i>	(Schlegel, 1837)
<i>E. minor</i>	(Gunther, 1863)
<i>Furina</i>	Duméril, 1853
<i>F. barnardi</i>	(Kinghorn, 1939)
<i>F. diadema</i>	(Schlegel, 1837)
<i>F. dunmalli</i>	(Worrell, 1955)
<i>F. ornata</i>	(Gray, 1842)
<i>F. tristis</i>	(Gunther, 1858)
<i>Hemiaspis</i>	Fitzinger, 1860
<i>H. damelli</i>	(Gunther, 1876)
<i>H. signata</i>	(Jan, 1859)
<i>Hoplocephalus</i>	Wagler, 1830
<i>H. bitorquatus</i>	(Jan, 1859)
<i>H. bungaroides</i>	(Schlegel, 1837)
<i>H. stephensi</i>	Krefft, 1869
<i>Notechis</i>	Boulenger, 1896
<i>N. scutatus</i>	(Peters, 1861)
<i>Neelaps</i>	Gunther, 1863
<i>N. bimaculatus</i>	(Duméril, Bibron & Duméril, 1854)
<i>N. calonotos</i>	(Duméril, Bibron & Duméril, 1854)

<i>Oxyuranus</i>	Kinghorn, 1923
<i>O. microlepidotus</i>	(McCoy, 1879)
<i>O. scutellatus</i>	<b>(Peters, 1867)</b>
<i>O. temporalis</i>	<b>Doughty, et al. 2007</b>
<i>Paroplocephalus</i>	Keogh, Scott & Scanlon, 2000
<i>P. atriceps</i>	<b>(Storr, 1980)</b>
<i>Pseudechis</i>	Wagler, 1830
<i>P. australis</i>	<b>(Gray, 1842)</b>
<i>P. butleri</i>	<b>Smith, 1982</b>
<i>P. colletti</i>	Boulenger, 1902
<i>P. guttatus</i>	De Vis, 1905
<i>P. papuanus</i>	(Peters & Doria, 1878)
<i>P. porphyriacus</i>	(Shaw, 1794)
<i>P. weigeli</i>	<b>(Wells &amp; Wellington, 1987)</b>
<i>Pseudonaja</i>	Gunther, 1858
<i>P. affinis</i>	<b>Gunther, 1872</b>
<i>P. a. affinis</i>	
<i>P. a. exilis</i>	<b>Storr, 1989</b>
<i>P. a. tanneri</i>	<b>(Worrell, 1961)</b>
<i>P. aspidorhyncha</i>	Skinner, 2008
<i>P. guttata</i>	(Parker, 1926)
<i>P. inframacula</i>	(Waite, 1925)
<i>P. ingrami</i>	<b>(Boulenger, 1908)</b>
<i>P. mengdeni</i>	<b>Skinner, 2008</b>
<i>P. modesta</i>	<b>(Gunther, 1872)</b>
<i>P. nuchalis</i>	<b>Gunther, 1858</b>
<i>P. textilis</i>	<b>(Duméril, Bibron &amp; Duméril, 1854)</b>
<i>Rhinoplocephalus</i>	Muller, 1885
<i>R. bicolor</i>	<b>Muller, 1885</b>
<i>Simoselaps</i>	Jan, 1859
<i>S. anomalus</i>	<b>(Sternfeld, 1919)</b>
<i>S. bertholdi</i>	<b>(Jan, 1859)</b>
<i>S. littoralis</i>	<b>(Storr, 1968)</b>
<i>S. minimus</i>	<b>(Worrell, 1960)</b>
<i>Suta</i>	Worrell, 1961
<i>S. dwyeri</i>	(Worrell, 1956)
<i>S. fasciata</i>	<b>(Rosen, 1905)</b>
<i>S. flagellum</i>	(McCoy, 1878)
<i>S. gaikhorstorum</i>	<b>Maryan, Brennan, Hutchinson &amp; Lukas, 2020</b>
<i>S. gouldii</i>	<b>(Gray, 1841)</b>
<i>S. monachus</i>	<b>(Storr, 1964)</b>
<i>S. nigriceps</i>	<b>(Gunther, 1863)</b>
<i>S. ordensis</i>	<b>(Storr, 1984)</b>
<i>S. punctata</i>	<b>(Boulenger, 1896)</b>

<i>S. spectabilis</i>	(Krefft, 1869)
<i>S. suta</i>	(Peters, 1863)
<i>Tropidechis</i>	Gunther, 1863
<i>T. carinatus</i>	(Krefft, 1863)
<i>Vermicella</i>	Gunther, 1858
<i>V. annulata</i>	(Gray, 1841)
<i>V. intermedia</i>	<b>Keogh &amp; Smith, 1996</b>
<i>V. multifasciata</i>	<b>Longman, 1915</b>
<i>V. parscauda</i>	Derez, Arbuckle, Ruan, Xie, Huang, Dibben, Shi, Vonk & Fry, 2018
<i>V. snelli</i>	<b>Storr, 1968</b>
<i>V. vermiformis</i>	Keogh & Smith, 1996

Marine Elapids (**33 species, WA - 24**) (*all are front-fanged species*)

<i>Aipysurus</i>	Lacépède, 1804
<i>A. apraefrontalis</i>	<b>Smith, 1926</b>
<i>A. duboisii</i>	<b>Bavay, 1869</b>
<i>A. foliosquama</i>	<b>Smith, 1926</b>
<i>A. fuscus</i>	(Tschudi, 1837)
<i>A. laevis</i>	<b>Lacépède, 1804</b>
<i>A. mosaicus</i>	<b>Sanders, Rasmussen, Elmberg, Mumpuni, Guinea, Blias, Lee &amp; Fry, 2012</b>
<i>A. pooleorum</i>	<b>Smith, 1974</b>
<i>A. tenuis</i>	<b>Lönnberg &amp; Andersson, 1913</b>
<i>Emydocephalus</i>	Krefft, 1869
<i>E. annulatus</i>	<b>Krefft, 1869</b>
<i>E. orarius</i>	<b>Nankivell, Goiran, Hourston, Shine, Rasmussen, Thomson &amp; Sanders, 2020</b>
<i>Ephalophis</i>	Smith, 1931
<i>E. greyae</i>	<b>Smith, 1931</b>
<i>Hydrelaps</i>	Boulenger, 1896
<i>H. darwiniensis</i>	<b>Boulenger, 1896</b>
<i>Hydrophis</i>	Sonnini & Latreille, 1802
<i>H. atriceps</i>	<b>Gunther, 1864 – WA?</b>
<i>H. caeruleus</i>	(Shaw, 1802)
<i>H. coggeri</i>	<b>(Kharin, 1984)</b>
<i>H. curtus</i>	(Shaw, 1802)
<i>H. czebelukovi</i>	<b>(Kharin, 1984)</b>
<i>H. elegans</i>	<b>(Gray, 1842)</b>
<i>H. gracilis</i>	(Shaw, 1802)
<i>H. inornatus</i>	(Gray, 1849)
<i>H. kingii</i>	<b>Boulenger, 1896</b>
<i>H. macdowelli</i>	<b>Kharin, 1983</b>

<i>H. major</i>	(Shaw, 1802)
<i>H. melanosoma</i>	Gunther, 1864
<i>H. ornatus</i>	(Gray, 1842)
<i>H. pacificus</i>	Boulenger, 1896
<i>H. peronii</i>	(Duméril, 1835)
<i>H. platurus</i>	(Linnaeus, 1766)
<i>H. stokesii</i>	(Gray, 1846)
<i>H. vorisi</i>	Kharin, 1984
<i>Parahydrophis</i>	Burger & Natsuno, 1974
<i>P. mertoni</i>	(Roux, 1910)

Subfamily Laticaudinae  
Sea Kraits

<i>Laticauda</i>	Laurenti, 1768
<i>L. colubrina</i>	(Schneider, 1799)
<i>L. laticaudata</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)