

REPTILES FOUND AROUND LILLIFIELD

DIAMOND / CARPET PYTHON (with food in the bulge in the middle!)

This is NON VENOMOUS.

Cream to yellow spot on most scales and some are arranged like little rosettes along the sides of the body. In the Northern Rivers we have hybrids of these- so ours are quite special! They are nocturnal, usually in



trees, but also found basking or moving on the ground or hanging around places where they sense a food supply, including houses and sheds. Often seen curled up digesting food.

Like all snakes they have to shed their skins when the body gets too big for it. So they find a dark, quiet spot somewhere and rest up before going on the prowl for food after all the effort. (under black gutter guard is a favourite spot sometimes -found out when it rains! People actually want these around their place as they keep down furry critter numbers! So it is not unusual to find Lillifielders trying to find someone who has excess python company!

BANDY BANDY

THIS IS VENOMOUS BUT REGARDED AS VIRTUALLY HARMLESS

A nocturnal snake which burrows and is found amongst bedded rocks and wood logs, sometimes seen on the ground at night. Average size about 50cm so this is a young specimen.

If feeling threatened, it will flatten its body and elevate itself into a series of large loops and these are raised and lowered slowly to warn the intruder off! Very impressive if you see this!



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GREEN TREE SNAKE

HARMLESS

Very slender, usually olive-green to green above and usually bright yellow below. Around both during the day and night and usually in trees, but does come down to forage. Lives in rock crevices, and hollow trees. When threatened, it flattens

its body, and shows blue skin between the scales. Eats frogs and lizards particularly (hopefully not toads!)

As seen here they do come in the house, but are also keen to get back out! It's all about whether there is food around and if you have antechinus inside your place and they want it, then the snake will come in you house!



EASTERN WATER DRAGON

Grey to olive above with black cross bars. A large head has a number of enlarged spiny scales and these go right along the body.

Likes to live around water. Found in trees, in branches overhanging water and on logs. and is both day and night active, When disturbed it will go into the water and stay submerged for quite some time. So what is this one doing around the kitchen pots?! What's cooking?

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LAND MULLET

Not a snake, although it is very shiny and black like one, but the shape is all wrong for a snake AND it has legs and 5 digits on each forelimb and hindlimb! Snakes don't have limbs.



They come out at night and during the day, and are very secretive and terribly shy. Land Mullets live in hollow logs or burrows (so don't cut up ALL the old fallen trees if you want these as residents!) You can regularly see them during the day

basking in the sun, often around lantana thickets and hear them scurrying to safety on hearing you coming.

Note the little baby one in the photo heading up the fallen branch. So cute.