

# Baron's Green Racer

**Scientific Name:** *Philodryas baroni*

**Class:** Reptilia

**Order:** Squamata

**Family:** Dipsadidae



*Philodryas baroni* can reach a total length of 59 – 71 inches. The males are smaller than the females. The length of the tail is about 30% of the total body length. The head is small and elongated, with an extension of the rostral scale, forming a small flexible nasal protuberance more developed in males. The coloration of the body is rather variable. Usually it is green, but there are found specimens tending to blue or brown. The pattern can be uniform or with black longitudinal stripes on the back and on the sides, on the anterior third of the body. The ventral area under the black lateral lines can be white or yellowish-white, sometimes with shades of green or blue.

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## Range

Paraguay, Bolivia, and Argentina

## Habitat

Lives in forests and savannah woodlands.

## Gestation

83 – 90 days

## Litter

The average litter size is 10.

## Behavior

Baron's Green Racer is a strictly arboreal snake, with an intense activity during the day. It is generally non-aggressive. If it is frightened, it emits a foul-smelling substance from the cloaca. The snake is equipped with rear fangs.

## Reproduction

The mating of this snake indicates that multiple mating events may occur within one breeding season. It is not known if this snake is monogamous or not at this time. This snake lays eggs (oviparous).

## Wild Diet

Baron racers feed on small mice, small lizards, and amphibians.