

# Kenyan Sand Boa

**Scientific Name:** *Gongylophis colubrinus*

**Class:** Reptilia

**Order:** Squamata

**Family:** Boidae



The Kenyan Sand Boa is one of the smallest boas, has a more or less pointed tail and is heavy bodied, resembling a sausage. They can weigh up to four pounds. The body coloring is yellow or orange with brown splotches. It has nostrils and small eyes on the top of its head. They can hide in the sand with its eyes and nostrils above the sand to wait for their prey. Although if there is no prey, it can live for a year without food. It can live up to 20 years.

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## Range

Africa, Kenya and range includes Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia

## Habitat

Desert, scrub savannahs

## Gestation

Four months

## Litter

4-20 live young

## Behavior

The Kenyan sand boa is a constrictor, burrows under the sand, cannot coil, hides under rocks and burrows to stay out of heat and wait for prey, it drags its prey under the sand to suffocate it.

## Reproduction

Become sexually mature at 2-3 years. The male may have to drag the female out of the sand to mate.

## Wild Diet

Small mammals and lizards