SCALE COUNTS

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Field Guide to Snakes and Other Reptiles of Southern Africa *by* Bill Branch

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Legend =

NOTE: ( ) = Rarely + = And / = Or * = Scales around the eye

GENUS: AMBLYODIPSAS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Amblyodipsas concolor	17	133-157	P	28-39	D	7	3+4	0	1	7 (6)	0+1+1
Amblyodipsas microphthalma microphthalma	15	127-155	P	18-26	D	5	2+3	0	1	6 (5)	0+1
Amblyodipsas microphthalma nigra	15	146-168	P	20-24	D	5	2+3	0	1	5/6	0+1
Amblyodipsas polylepis hildebrandtii	17-19	154-215	P	15-31	D	6 (5)	3+4 (2+3)	0	1 (0)	7 (6/8)	0+1
Amblyodipsas polylepis polylepis	19;21 (23)	154-215	P	15-31	D	6 (5)	3+4 (2+3)	0	1 (0)	7 (6/8)	0+1
Amblyodipsas ventrimaculata	15	172-205	P	18-29	D	5	2+3	0	1	5	0+1

GENUS: AMPLORHINUS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Amplorhinus multimaculatus	17	133-154	S/P	56-91	E	8 (7)	4+5 (3+4)	1	2	9/10	2+2 (1+2)

GENUS: APARALLACTUS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Aparallactus capensis	15	126-186	S	29-63	E	5/6	3+4 (2+3)	1	1	5 (4/6)	0+1+1 (1+1)
Aparallactus guentheri	15	150-173	S	49-60	E	6 (5)	3+4 (2+3)	1	1	5 (6)	0+1+1 (1+1)
Aparallactus lunulatus lunulatus	15	144-176	S	48-65	E	6 (7)	3+4	1	1	6 (5)	0+1+1 (0+1+2)
Aparallactus nigriceps	15	108-123	S	20-35	E	5	2+3	1	1	5	0+1+1

GENUS: ASPIDELAPS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Aspidelaps lubricus cowlesi	19;21/23	144-161	P	30-33	E	7	3+4	1 (2)	2/3	8	1+3 (1+4)
Aspidelaps lubricus infuscatus	19	149-172	P	27-36		6 (7)	3+4	1	3 (2/1)	8	2+3 (2+2)
Aspidelaps lubricus lubricus	19	142-168	P	20-28	E	6 (7)	3+4	1	3 (2)	8	2+3;2+4 (2+2)
Aspidelaps scutatus fulafula	21-25	114-125	P	30-39	E	6 (7)	4	1	3 (1/2)	7-9	2+4 (2+5)
Aspidelaps scutatus intermedius	21-23	108-121	P	27-35	E	6 (7)	4 (3+4)	1 (2)	2/3	8 (9)	2+4
Aspidelaps scutatus scutatus	21 (23)	110-122	P	20-30	E	6 (5)	4	1 (2)	3 (2/4)	8	2+4 (variable)

GENUS: ATRACTASPIS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Atractaspis bibronii	21-23 (19;25)	196-260	S	18-28	E	5	3+4 (4)	1	1 (2)	5/6	1+2 (2+2)
Atractaspis congica orientalis	19/21	193-225	P	18-25	E/D	5	3+4	1	1	5	1+2
Atractaspis duerdeni	23 (25)	193-225	S	19-27	E	5/6	3+4	1	1 (2)	6 (5/7)	variable

GENUS: BITIS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Bitis albanica	27-29	120-130	P/S	19-30	E	13-15	0	13-16	13-16	11-14	
Bitis arietans arietans	29-41	123-147	P	14-38	E	12-17	0	12-16	12-16	13-19	
Bitis armata	25-29	115-128	P		E						
Bitis atropos	27-33	118-144	P	15-31	E	9-13	0	10-16	10-16	10-16	
Bitis caudalis	23-31 (21)	120-155	P	16-40	E	10-14	0	10-16 (9;17;18)	10-16 (9;17;18)	10-15	
Bitis cornuta	25-29 (23)	120-152	P	18-37	E	11-15	0	11-15	11-15	11-16	
Bitis gabonica gabonica	33-45	124-140	P	17-33	E	13-17	0	15-21	15-21	16-22	
Bitis inornata	27-31	126-138	P	19-30	E	13-15	0	13-15	13-15	11-13	
Bitis peringueyi	23-31	117-144	P	15-30	E	10-14	0	10-13	10-13	10-13	
Bitis rubida	25-29	126-143	P		E						
Bitis schneideri	23-27 (21)	104-129	P/S	17-27	E	9-13	0	8-14	8-14	9-15	
Bitis xeropaga	25-27	147-155	P	22-33	E	13-17	0	14-18	14-18	13-16	

GENUS: CAUSUS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Causus defilippii	17	108-126	P	10-19	E	6 (7)	0	1-2	1-2	8/9 (7/10)	2+3 (2+4;1+2)
Causus rhombeatus	17-19 (21)	134-155	P/S	20-33	E	6 (7)	0	2-3	1-2	9/10 variable	2+3 (2+4;2+2;3+3)

GENUS: CHILORHINOPHIS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Chilorhinophis gerardi gerardi	15	254-294	P	19-31	D	4	3	1	1	5	0+1

GENUS: CROTAPHOPELTIS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Crotaphopeltis barotseensis	17	151-158	P	35-39	E	8	3;4+5 (4+5)	1	2	9-11	1+2
Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia	19 (21)	139-174	P	24-47	E	8 (7/9)	3;4+5 variable	1 (2)	2 (3)	9-10 (11)	1+2 (1+1)

GENUS: DASYPELTIS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Dasypeltis inornata	23-27	208-237	P	21-28	E	7 (6/8)	3+4 (2+3)	1 (2)	2 (3)	7-9	2+3;3+4 (3+3)
Dasypeltis medici medici	23-27	215-259	P	71-109	E	7	3+4	1	2	7-9	2+3
Dasypeltis scabra	21-27	180-243	P	38-78	E	7 (6/8)	3+4 (2+3)	1 (2)	2 (3)	7-9	2+3

GENUS: DENDROASPIS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Dendroaspis angusticeps	19 (17/21)	201-232	P	99-126	D	7-9	4	3	3-5	9-11	2+3 variable
Dendroaspis polylepis	23-25 (21)	248-281	P	109-132	D	7-10	4 (3+4)	3 (4)	3/4 (2/5)	11-13 (10/14)	2+3 variable

GENUS: DIPSADOBOA

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Dipsadoboa aulica	17	172-197	S/P	75-100	E	8 (7)	3-5 variable	1	2	10 (9)	1+1+2
Dipsadoboa flavida broadleyi	17	170-197	S/P	79-100	E	8	3-5	1	2	10	1+1+2

GENUS: DIPSINA

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Dipsina multimaculata	17	144-179	S+P	28-45	D	8 (7/9)	4+5 variable	1 (2+3)	2/3 (4/5)	10 (9/11)	2+3 variable

GENUS: DISPHOLIDUS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Dispholidus typus typus	19 (17/21)	164-201	P	104-142	D	7 (6/8)	3+4 (4+5)	1 (2)	3 (2/4)	8-13	1+2 variable

GENUS: DROMOPHIS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Dromophis lineatus	17	138-159	P	83-105	D	8	4+5	1	2 (1/3)	9	1+1;1+2 variable

GENUS: DUBERRIA

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Duberria lutrix lutrix	15	118-144	P	24-51	E	6 (5;7/8)	3+4 variable	1	2 (1)	6 (5;7/8)	1+2 (1+1;1+3)
Duberria lutrix rhodesiana	15	117-139	P	20-39	E	6 (5;7/8)	3+4 variable	1	1 (2)	6 (5;7/8)	1+2 (1+1;1+3)
Duberria variegata	15	91-110	P	20-40	E	6-7	3+4;4+5	1	1-2 (3)	6 (4;5/7)	1+2 (1+1)

GENUS: ELAPSOIDEA

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Elapsoidea boulengeri	13	138-161	P	14-27	E	7	3-5 (3+4)	1	2	7	1+2
Elapsoidea guentheri	13	131-156	P	15-26	E	7	3+4	1	2	6-7	1+2
Elapsoidea semiannulata	13	136-161	P	13-28	E	7	3+4	1	2	7	1+2
Elapsoidea sundevalii decosteri	13	136-159	P	22-28	E	7	3+4	1	2	7	1+2
Elapsoidea sundevalii fitzsimonsi	13	156-180	P	17-23	E	7	3+4	1	2	6/7	1+2
Elapsoidea sundevalii longicauda	13	148-179	P	21-33	E	7	3+4	1	2	7	1+2
Elapsoidea sundevalii media	13	140-168	P	13-23	E	7	3+4	1	2	7	1+2
Elapsoidea sundevalii sundevalii	13	147-181	P (S)	16-28	E	7	3+4	1	2	7	1+2;1+1

GENUS: HEMACHATUS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Hemachatus haemachatus	19 (17)	116-150	P	30-47	E	7	3+4	1 (2)	3	8/9 (7)	2+3 (2+2;2+4)

GENUS: HEMIRHAGERRHIS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Hemirhagerrhis nototaenia	17	156-183	P	68-98	D	8 (7)	4+5 (3+4)	1	2	9/10	1+2 (1+3;2+2;2+3)
Hemirhagerrhis viperinus	17	154-177	P	52-75	D	8 (7)	4+5 (3+4)	1	2	9/10	1+2 (1+3;2+2;2+3)

GENUS: HOMOROSELAPS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Homoroselaps dorsalis	15	210-239	P	22-33	D	6	3+4	1	1	5 (6)	0+1
Homoroselaps lacteus	15	160-209	P	24-43	D	6	3+4	1	1	6	0+1 (1+1)

GENUS: LAMPROPHIS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Lamprophis aurora	23 (21)	165-185	P (S)	35-58	E	8	4+5 (3-5)	1 (2)	2	6 (7/9)	(2+3)
Lamprophis fiskii	21-23	178-183	P	28-34	E	7/8	4+5	1	2	7/8	1+2
Lamprophis fuliginosus	25-35	186-228	P	45-71	E	8 (9)	4+5 variable	1/2	2	9 (8/10)	1+2 variable
Lamprophis fuscus	19	165-199	P	56-74	E	7/8	3+4 (5+6)	1 (2)	2	7/8	1+2
Lamprophis guttatus	21-25	186-230	P	46-72	E	7 (9)	3-5 (4+5)	1	2/3	8	1+2
Lamprophis inornatus	23 (21/25)	170-196	P	45-70	E	8	3-5 (4+5)	1 (2)	2 (1)	8 (7)	1+2
Lamprophis swazicus	17	199-208	P	75-91	E	8	3-5	1	2	9-11	1+2

GENUS: LEPTOTYPHLOPS

Species	Scale rows at midbody	Scales rows around middle of tail	Scales between rostral and caudal spine	Subcaudals
Leptotyphlops conjunctus conjunctus	14	10	192-238	20-27
Leptotyphlops conjunctus incognitus	14	10	230-292	26-35
Leptotyphlops distanti	14	12	239-307	19-30
Leptotyphlops gracilior	14	10	308-353	24-41
Leptotyphlops labialis	14	12		
Leptotyphlops longicaudus	14	10	266-325	34-58
Leptotyphlops nigricans	14	10	199-289	19-33
Leptotyphlops occidentalis	14	12	292-342	20-25
Leptotyphlops sylvicolos	14		174-194	10
Leptotyphlops scutifrons scutifrons	14	10	197-307	19-30
Leptotyphlops telloi	14	12	260-263	24-26

GENUS: LIMNOPHIS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Limnophis bangweolicus	19	132-147	P	45-68	D	8	3+4 variable	1	2/3	8-10	1+2

GENUS: LYCODONOMORPHUS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Lycodonomorphus laevissimus	19	174-177	P	60-85	E (D)	8 (7)	4+5 (3+4)	1	2	8 (7)	1+2
Lycodonomorphus leleupi mlanjensis	21	164-171	P	51-76	E	8	4+5	1 (2)	2 (1)	8	1+2
Lycodonomorphus obscuriventris	19	164-175	P	37-52	E	8 (9)	4+5 (5+6)	1	2	8	1+2
Lycodonomorphus rufulus	19	158-179	P	53-86	E	7/8	3+4;4+5 (4;5+6)	1 (2)	2	8 (7/9)	1+2 (1+3)

GENUS: LYCOPHIDION

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Lycophidion capense	17	159-200	P	25-42	E	8	3-5 variable	1	2 (1)	8 (7)	1+2 (2+2)
Lycophidion hellmichi	17	196-214	P	32-40	E	8	3-5 variable	1	2 (1)	8 (7)	1+2 (2+2)
Lycophidion multimaculatum	17	159-187	P	22-39	E	8	3-5 variable	1	2 (1)	8 (7)	1+2 (2+2)
Lycophidion namibianum	17	193-213									
Lycophidion nanum	17	151-164	P	69-92	E	6-7 (5/8)	3+4 variable	1	2 (1)	6 (5/7)	1+2
Lycophidion pygmaeum	17	140-145									
Lycophidion semiannule	17	139-157	P	19-30	E	8	3-5 variable	1	2 (1)	8 (7)	1+2 (2+2)
Lycophidion variegatum	17	185-204	P	30-40	E	8	3-5 variable	1	2 (1)	8 (7)	1+2 (2+2)

GENUS: MACRELAPS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Macrelaps microlepidotus	25/27 (23)	158-172	S	35-50	E	7	3+4	0	1	8	1+2 (0+1+1)

GENUS: MEHELYA

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Mehelya capensis capensis	15 (17)	193-224	P	44-58	E	7 (6/8)	3+4	1 (2)	1/2	8 (7)	1+2
Mehelya nyassae	15	165-184	P	51-77	E	7 (6)	3+4	1 (2)	1	8 (7)	1+2 (1+3)
Mehelya vernayi	19	256-268	P	60-68	E	7	3-5	1	1 (2)	8	1+2

GENUS: MEIZODON

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Meizodon semiornatus	21	167-196	P	66-91	D	8 (9)	4+5 (5+6)	1 (2)	2 (1)	9-10	2+2;2+3 variable

GENUS: MONTASPIS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Montaspis gilvomaculata	21	145-151	P	53-59	D	7	3+4	1	2	9	1+2

GENUS: NAJA

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Naja annulifera anchieta	17 (15/19)	179-200	P	51-56	E	7 (8)	0	1	2	8/9 (10)	1+2;1+3 variable
Naja annulifera annulifera	19 (17/21)	175-203	P	51-65	E	7 (8)	0	1 (2)	2 (1/3)	8/9 (10)	1+2;1+3 variable
Naja melanoleuca	19 (17/21)	201-214	P	63-72	E	7 (8)	3+4	1 (2)	3 (2)	8	1+2;1+3 variable
Naja mossambica	23-25 (21/27)	177-205	P	52-71	E	6 (7)	3 (3+4)	2 (1)	3 (2)	9 (8;10/11)	variable
Naja nigricollis nigricincta	21 (23)	192-226	P	57-73	E	6 (7)	3 (3+4/4)	2 (1)	3	9	2+4;2+5 variable
Naja nigricollis nigricollis	17-21	182-196	P	54-66	E	6 (7)	3 (4)	2	3	9 (8/10)	2+4;2+5
Naja nigricollis woodi	21	221-228	P	65-74	E	6 (7)	3 (4)	2	3	9 (8/10)	2+4;2+5
Naja nivea	21 (19)	195-227	P	50-68	E	7	3+4	1	3 (4)	9 (8/10)	1+3 variable

GENUS: NATRICITERES

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Natriciteres olivacea	19 (17)	130-153	P	57-87	D	8 (7/9)	4+5 variable	1 (2)	3 (1/2)	9-11 (8)	1+2 variable
Natriciteres variegata sylvatica	15-17	125-143	P	60-84	D	8 (7)	4+5 variable	1 (2)	3 (4)	8 (9)	1+2

GENUS: PELAMIS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Pelamis platurus	49-67	264-406		36+	D	7/8	4+5	1/2	2/3	10/11	variable

GENUS: PHILOTHAMNUS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Philothamnus angolensis	15	149-170	P	87-120	D (E)	8-10	4-6 variable	1 (2)	2 (1/3)	9/10 (8/11)	variable
Philothamnus hoplogaster	15	140-165	P	73-106	D	8 (7/9)	4+5 variable	1 (2)	2 (3)	9-11	1+1 variable
Philothamnus natalensis natalensis	15	156-182	P	108-130	D	8/9	4+5;5+6 variable	1	2 (3)	10/11 (9/12)	2+2 variable
Philothamnus natalensis occidentalis	15	154-177	P	111-135	D	8/9	4+5;5+6 variable	1 (2)	2 (3)	8-11	2+2 variable
Philothamnus ornatus	15	147-174	P	85-106	D	8; (9/10)	3-5 variable	1	2 (3)	9-11	1+1 (1+2);(2+1)
Philothamnus semivariegatus	15	175-204	P	122-166	D	8-12	4-6 variable	1	2	9-12	2+2 variable

GENUS: PROATHERIS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Proatheris superciliaris	27-29	131-156	P	32-45	E	8-9 (10-11)	0	8-14	8-14	11-12 (10/13)	

GENUS: PROSYMNA

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Prosymna angolensis	15	121-163	P	16-26	E	6 (5/7)	3+4	1	1 (2)	7/8	1+2 (2+2;2+3)
Prosymna bivittata	15	154-180	P	22-32	E	6 (5)	3+4	1	2 (1)	8 (7)	1+2;2+2;2+3
Prosymna frontalis	15	153-199	P	32-54	E	6 (7)	3+4 (4+5)	1	2 (1)	8-9 (10)	1+2 (2+3)
Prosymna janii	15/17	107-129	P	24-36	E	6 (5/7)	3+4	1 (2)	2 (0;1/3)	8 (7/9)	1+2
Prosymna stuhlmannii	15	124-164	P	17-39	E	6 (5/7)	3+4 variable	1 (0/2)	2 (1)	8 (7/9)	1+2 variable
Prosymna sundevallii lineata	15	135-168	P	17-27	E	6 (5)	3+4	1 (2)	2 (1/3)	8 (6;7/9)	1+2;2+2/2+3
Prosymna sundevallii sundevallii	15	131-170	P	20-34	E	6 (5/7)	3+4 variable	1 (2)	2 (1/3)	7/8	1+2;2+2 variable
Prosymna visserii	15	189-208	P	37-57	E	6	3+4	1	2	7	1+2

GENUS: PSAMMOPHYLAX

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Psammophylax rhombeatus rhombeatus	17	143-177	P	60-84	D	8 (7;9/10)	4+5 variable	1 (2)	2 (3)	10-11 (9/12)	2+3 variable
Psammophylax tritaeniatus	17	139-176	P	49-69	D	8	4+5	1	2	9-11	2+3
Psammophylax variabilis variabilis	17	149-167	P	49-61	D	8	4+5	1	2	9-11	1+2 variable

GENUS: PSAMMOPHIS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Psammophis angolensis	11	135-156	P	57-82	D	8 (6;7/9)	4+5 variable	1 (2)	2 (3)	8~ (7/9)	1+2 (1+1/2+2)
Psammophis brevirostris brevirostris	17	146-167	P	79-108	D	8 (7/9)	4+5 variable	1	2	10 (9/11)	1/2+3
Psammophis brevirostris leopardinus	17	151-174	P	72-109	D	8	4+5	1	2	10 (8;9/11)	variable
Psammophis crucifer	15 (17)	136-165	P	61-81	D	8 (7/9)	4+5 (3-4;5-6)	1	2 (3)	9 (10)	2+2;2+3 variable
Psammophis jallae	15	154-175	P	84-112	D	7 (6/8)	3+4 variable	1	2 (1)	9 (8/10)	2+2 (1+2/2+1)
Psammophis leightoni leightoni	17	155-161	P	92-97	D	8	4+5	1	2	10 (9/11)	variable
Psammophis leightoni namibensis	17	167-187	P	94-112	D	8	4+5	1	2	10 (9/11)	variable
Psammophis leightoni trinasalis	17	150-175	P	84-120	D	8 (7/9)	4+5 (3+4/5+6)	1 (2)	2 (3)	10 (9/11)	2+2;2+3
Psammophis mossambicus	17	151-183	P	82-110	D	8 (6;7/9)	4+5 variable	1	2	10 (9/11)	1/2+3
Psammophis notostictus	17	155-183	P	80-107	E(D)	8 (6/7)	4+5 (3+4)	2 (3)	2 (3)	9-12	2+2 variable
Psammophis subtaeniatus orientalis	17	148-170	P	94-116	D	8	4+5	1 (2)	2 (3)	10 (9/11)	2+2;2+3 (1+2)
Psammophis subtaeniatus subtaeniatus	17	155-181	P	106-132	D	9 (8/10)	4-6 variable	1 (2)	2 (3)	10 (9/11)	2+2;2+3 (1+2)
Psammophis trigrammus	17	183-197	P	132-155	D	9 (8/10)	5+6 variable	2 (1/3)	2	10-11	1+1;1+2;2+2 variable

GENUS: PSEUDASPIS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Pseudaspis cana	25-31	175-218	P	43-70	D	7 (6/8)	4	1 (2)	3 (2/4)	10-13	3+4;2+4 variable

GENUS: PYTHONODIPSAS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Pythonodipsas carinata	21	182-208	S	41-55	E	9-10	0	1	3	11-13	variable

GENUS: PYTHON

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Python anchietae	57-61	253-267	P	46-57	E	14	0	15-18	15-18	15-16	
Python natalensis	78-95	261-291	P	63-84	E/D	12-15	0	8-13	8-13	17-20	variable

GENUS: RAMPHOTYPHLOPS

Species	Times Diameter into total Length	Scale rows at midbody	Scales between prefrontal and tip of tail
Ramphotyphlops braminus	33-66	20	306-348

GENUS: RHAMPHIOPHIS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Rhamphiophis rostratus	17	148-194	P	87-118	D	7-9	5 (4/4+5)	3 (2/4)	2 (3/4)	10-11 (12)	2+3;3+3 variable

GENUS: RHINOTYPHLOPS

Species	Times Diameter into total Length	Scale rows at midbody	Scales between prefrontal and tip of tail
Rhinotyphlops boylei	45-46	26-28	351-377
Rhinotyphlops lalandei	35-50	26-30	337-441
Rhinotyphlops schinzi	45-57	22-26	413-469
Rhinotyphlops schlegelii mucrosa	21-56	30-36	360-517
Rhinotyphlops schlegelii petersii		34-40	359-440
Rhinotyphlops schlegelii schlegelii	23-40	32-44	332-623

GENUS: TELESCOPUS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Telescopus beetzii	21;19	190-220	P	40-59	E(D)	9-10	3-5 (4-6)	1	2	11-12	2+3 (2+2/3+2)
Telescopus semiannulatus polystictus	19 (17/21)	214-247	P	59-73	D(E)	8-9 (7/10)	3-5 variable	1	2	11-12 (10/13)	2+2;2+3 variable
Telescopus semiannulatus semiannulatus	19 (17/21)	190-244	P	51-83	D(E)	8-9 (7/10)	3-5 variable	1	2	11-12 (10/13)	2+2;2+3 variable

GENUS: THELOTORNIS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Thelotornis capensis capensis	19	144-160	P	130-152	D	8 (7/9)	4+5 variable	1 (2)	3 (2/4)	10-12 (9/13)	1+2;1+3 variable
Thelotornis capensis mossambicanus	19	149-166	P	127-158	D	8 (7/9)	4+5 variable	1 (2)	3 (2/4)	10-12 (9/13)	1+2;1+3 variable
Thelotornis capensis oatseii	19	158-177	P	128-165	D	8 (7/9)	4+5 variable	1 (2)	3 (2/4)	10-12 (9/13)	1+2;1+3 variable

GENUS: TYPHLOPS

Species	Times Diameter into total Length	Scale rows at midbody	Scales between prefrontal and tip of tail
Typhlops bibronii	25-36 (40)	30-34	363-453
Typhlops fornasinii	23-33	22-26	232-277
Typhlops obtusus	48-95	24-26	460-507

GENUS: XENOCALAMUS

Species	Midbody scale rows	Ventrals	Paired /Single Sub-Caudals	Total Sub-Caudals	Anal Shield Divided/ Entire	No of Upper Labials	No of Upper Labials entering the eye	No of Pre-Oculars	No of Post-Oculars	Lower labials	Temporals
Xenocalamus bicolor australis	17	186-216	P	23-31	D	5 (6)	3	0	1	5	0+1
Xenocalamus bicolor bicolor	17	196-256	P	20-36	D	6	3+4	0	1	5 (4)	0+1
Xenocalamus bicolor lineatus	15	201-248	P	25-37	D	6	3+4	0	1	5	0+1
Xenocalamus mechowii inornatus	17	247-296	P	22-32	D	6 (5)	3+4	0	2	5	0+1
Xenocalamus sabiensis	17	187-218	P	22-33	D	5/6	2+3;3+4 (3)	0	1	6	0+1
Xenocalamus transvaalensis	17	183-192	P	23-32	D	5	2+3	0	1	5/6	0+1