

Green Tree Python (*Chondro python*)

Morelia (Chondropython) viridis

Family: Boidae

Locale: Papua & Irian Jaya, New Guinea, & Cape York Peninsula of Australia

Habitat: Highly arboreal, humid rainforest, from sea level to 6000ft

Average Size: 4 – 6'

Average Lifespan: Maybe >12 years

Activity: Nocturnal

Captive Care: 20 gal long aquarium (or larger) on end so lots of height, side-tank heating; custom cage with front opening door preferred (~18" x 18" x 24"H); humid forest terrarium with water for soaking, many horizontal and diagonal branches to coil on. Places to hide both on the ground and perches on branches. Mist animal daily.

Diet: Mice, rats chicks; hatchlings may need tease-feeding.

In wild, eats small mammals and birds.

Temperature: Gradient of night time low of 70°F (21°C) to day time high of 90°F (31°C).

Temperament: Can be nippy, some are high strung and irascible, some will tame nicely with regular gently handling, but be prepared to be bitten if handle hatchlings with bare hands.

Notes: Require high humidity and misting so will drink.

Typically rests coiled on branch like cinnamon bun.

Spine easily damaged if removed from branch roughly.

Hatchlings can be problem feeders, scenting mice with bird feathers may help with problem feeders.

Hatchlings start out either bright yellow or brick red.

Color change can occur within few weeks once started.

Not a beginner's snake.

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Range map:

<http://greentreepythonsaustralia.com/types.html>