

Emerald Tree Boa

Introduction

The emerald tree boa is a non-venomous snake, which is often found in the Amazon rainforest. They are fairly solitary animals and only descend to the ground to climb a different tree. They can move swiftly from tree to tree. As they are nocturnal, they are mostly active at night.



Appearance

The emerald tree boa is distinctively bright green in colour. They can grow to reach up to two metres in length and over one kilogram in weight. They have a pair of long, sharp teeth, pointing backwards, and a forked tongue.



Diet

They feed mostly on small mammals such as rats, bats and possums. They can be hunted themselves by birds of prey.



Habitat

These snakes spend most of their time inhabiting trees. They usually coil around branches during the day. They can often be found near rivers.

Interesting fact

Emerald tree boas have a life expectancy of approximately 20 years.