

Woma python (*Aspidites ramsayi*)– Information & care

The woma python (*Aspidites ramsayi*) is also known as the sand python or Ramsay's python. They're a medium-sized, terrestrial snake, found in central and western Australia. They prefer arid to semi-arid, sandy habitats with sparse vegetation, and spend most of their time in burrows.

Thanks to its docile nature, the Woma is one of the easier snakes to handle. This makes it great for beginners.

Here is a video [All about Woma pythons](#)

Length: Relatively small as far as pythons are concerned, Womas usually grow to between 1.5m and 2m in length, although larger localities are found in South Australia that can reach up to 3m.

Temperament: Docile, personable, curious, easy to handle.

A beautiful species with a personality you don't usually see with other pythons. It's more active than other python species, mild-mannered and highly predictable.

Although they are considered super docile, their feeding response can be quite aggressive, so be wary! Occasionally, there is the overly aggressive hatchling that maintains this attitude into adulthood.

These snakes rarely refuse food, so don't overfeed them as they can become obese easily.

Housing:

An adult Woma can be housed in a 4ft x 2ft x 1.5ft enclosure. They are primarily a terrestrial (ground dwelling) species so enclosure height isn't overly important. However, you can supply a deep substrate to burrow in, to mimic their behaviour in the wild. They will also utilise rocks and climbing branches if you choose to add them to their setup.

Although womas seem relaxed in most any setting, it is important to remember that this is a nocturnal, burrowing snake, and will fare better with a dark, tight recess in which to retreat.

Hatchling snakes should be kept in a smaller enclosure for at least 6-12 mths. Click [here](#) for DIY hatchling enclosure video & information

Heating:

- Heat pad or heat cord underneath one end of the enclosure.
- Spot light globe (for larger enclosures)
- Radiant heat panel (inside a box or heating from above)
- Ceramic heat bulb (no light)

Temperatures:

- Basking 35-38 degrees celsius
- Cool side 22-26 degrees celsius