

Antaresia python – Information & care

These Australian pythons are some of the smallest in the world. There are currently 4 species of Antaresia which are kept in Australia. Easy to keep, compact, with beautiful colours, patterns & morphs, these are perfect for a starter python.

Length: up to 1 metre

Temperament: generally calm, personable & easy to handle. This depends on the individual & the parents temperament.

Childrens python – *Antaresia childreni*

morph colours include:

- T+ (tyrosinase positive) caramel (albino)
- T+ (tyrosinase positive) paradox
- Marbled
- Ghost

Spotted python – *Antaresia maculosa* (sometimes called ‘Macs’)

morph colours include:

- T- (tyrosinase negative) albino
- Platinum
- Granite
- Blonde

Stimson’s python – *Antaresia stimsoni*

morph colours include:

- T+ (tyrosinase positive) caramel (albino)
- Wheatbelt (locality)

Pygmy python – *Antaresia perthensis* – smallest python in the world.

Currently no morphs for this species

Housing:

Being mainly a terrestrial snake (ground dwelling), adult Antaresia pythons require an enclosure with adequate floor space, however they will climb if given the opportunity. (kellyvillepets.com.au)

For one adult python, an enclosure of 90 x 45 x 60cm is recommended. Hatchling pythons should be kept in a smaller enclosure for their first 10-12 months. (kellyvillepets.com.au)

Click [here](#) for a 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 32-35 degrees celsius
- Cool side 22-26 degrees celsius
- Night time temperatures should not drop below 21°C (in the hotspot area).