



## Banded Burrowing Snake

<b>Name</b>	<b>Scientific</b>	<i>Simoselaps bertholdi</i>
	<b>Common</b>	Banded Burrowing Snake or Banded Sand Snake
<b>Description</b>		This small, harmless snake grows up to 30cm long and has smooth glossy scales with one larger scale on the tip of the snout to protect the head while burrowing through sand. The head is black or brown, the body is yellow to orange with 18-31 black rings circling the body.
<b>What it feeds on</b>		Small skinks, which they constrict like a python.
<b>Where it feeds</b>		Loose topsoil beneath leaf litter, and underneath fallen timber and stumps. Most hunting is done at night.
<b>Breeding</b>		They mate in spring and the females lay 1-8 soft-shelled eggs in late summer.
<b>Did you know?</b>		This snake burrows into loose sandy topsoil and seems to 'swim' through the sand. A shovel-shaped snout, small eyes and glossy scales make it easy for the snake to burrow. The banded pattern is thought to deter or confuse predators as the snake moves along in dim light.

