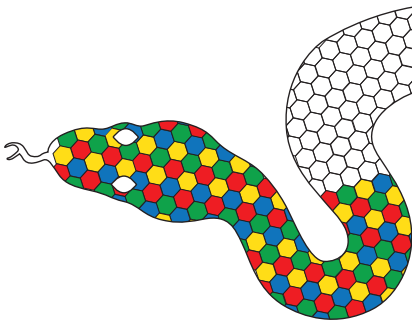


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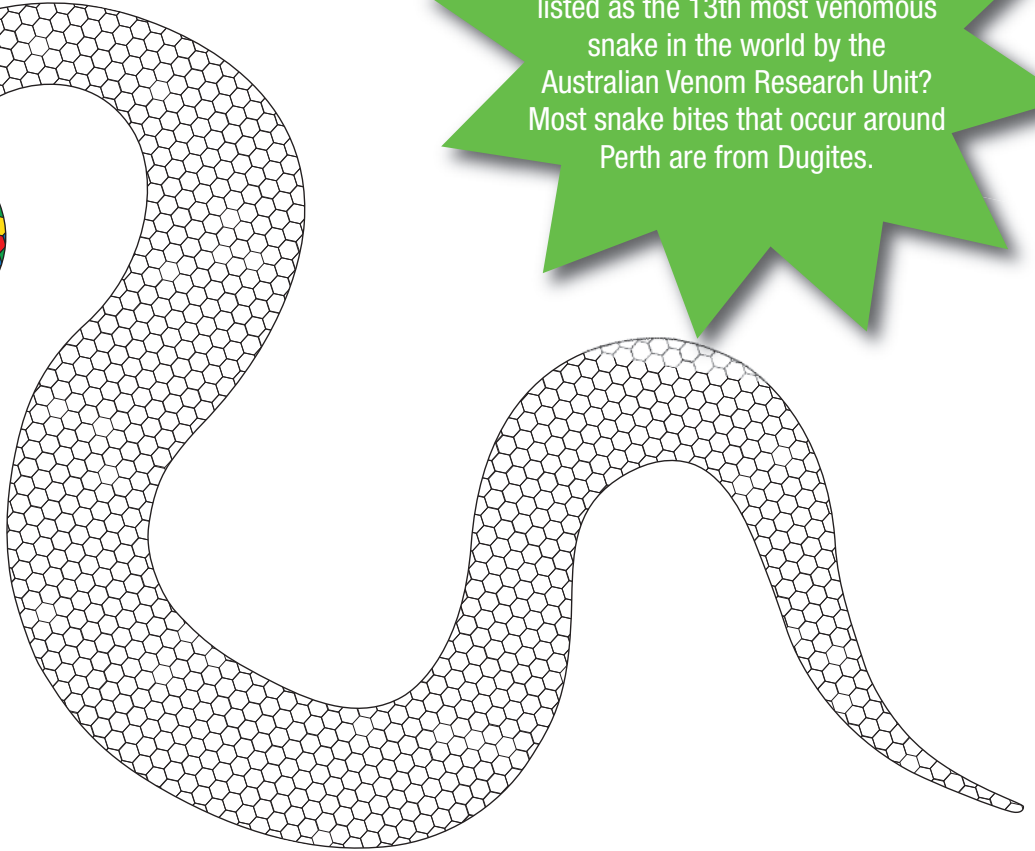
## Crazy Fact

Did you know that Dugites are listed as the 13th most venomous snake in the world by the Australian Venom Research Unit? Most snake bites that occur around Perth are from Dugites.



## A rainbow snake

Dugites have brown scales but this snake has a colourful pattern – can you complete the scaly pattern all the way to its tail?



## Conservation Action

Dugites are most active in the warmer months between October and April. Many people dislike and are fearful of snakes, however, not only is it illegal to kill them, it is also very unsafe to do so. If you see a snake in the wild you should stop where you are, turn around and slowly walk away from it. Tell an adult straight away. The safest thing to do is stay well away from all snakes.

## Scaly Mates

Dugites are reptiles. Circle the other animals below that are also reptiles.

(Hint: reptiles have scales covering their bodies)



Bobtail



Macaw



Lion



Tortoise



Tiger



Crocodile



Fish



Perentie



Motorbike Frog



Blue Tongue Lizard



Elephant



Python

## Sssssss...

Can you write sssss...seven words that begin with 's' to describe sssss...snakes?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

# Meet a Dugite

## Name

Doogie

## Male or female?

Male

## What does he eat?

Doogie loves rats and mice. He gets very excited when he is fed, wiggling his tail. From October to May, Doogie is fed once a week. He doesn't eat in the cooler months of the year when he goes into a state of 'torpor' which is a bit like hibernation. This means he is less active.

## More about Doogie

Doogie is misunderstood by a lot of people. Some people are scared of him because he is venomous but he would prefer to slither away from people rather than bite them. Doogie is ectothermic which means his body temperature depends on the temperature of his surroundings. When he wants to warm up, he basks under his heat lamp. When he wants to cool down, he heads to the cooler end of his exhibit.

## Numbat Club Gallery

If you're a Numbat Club member, we want you to show off your artistic side and send us a drawing of the next animal to be featured in Kidz Biz. We'll choose a first, second and third place winner with the first place winner featured in Kidz Biz and the runner-ups on our website [perthzoo.com.au/kidzbiz](http://perthzoo.com.au/kidzbiz) and Facebook page.

Congratulations to Arwen Thomas, who drew the winning picture of a Dugite. Arwen won an Ele Art spray painting. In second place was Alyssa Clark and in third place was Toby Boyd Ratcliff.

Next issue we will feature the Little Penguin and the first prize winner will receive an Ele Art painting. Second prize is a Perth Zoo showbag and third prize is a child's entry ticket to Perth Zoo so you can bring along a friend. Winners will also receive a Perth Zoo lanyard to hold their membership cards. Send your drawing, either by mail or by email to [newspaws@perthzoo.wa.gov.au](mailto:newspaws@perthzoo.wa.gov.au), by 18 October. Include your name, phone number and Numbat Club membership number. Prizes can only be collected from Perth Zoo and will not be posted. Terms and conditions are on our website.



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Winner Arwen Thomas's drawing.



# Dugite

*Pseudonaja affinis*





