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SMOOTH SNAKE

Coronella austriaca austriaca

Family : COLUBRIDAE

The Smooth Snake is found on heathland and in open woodland over a restricted part of Southern England. It appears to prefer very sandy soil, as being very shy, it is prone to hide itself by burrowing when disturbed.

As its common name implies, the Smooth Snake's scales are smaller and smoother than the Grass Snake, and it is much smaller, a fully-grown female rarely exceeding 24 inches in length.

Hibernating between late September and early March, the Smooth Snake emerges to mate, its young being born towards the end of August.

The Smooth Snake feeds mostly on lizards, newly-born rodents and occasionally young Slow Worms.

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