

Ramphotyphlops braminus

Brahminy Blindsnake



Typhlopidae, the blind snake family



Diagnostic Characteristics

- Small and dark colored blind snake; often mistaken for worms
- Smooth with shiny scales
- Short head and no narrowing at the neck
- Tail ends in a small spine
- 2½ to 7 inches in length

Background

- Native to South Asia; introduced through the plant trade
- Eats insects, larvae, and other small invertebrates
- Not capable of seeing but can detect light
- Eat the larvae, eggs, and pupae of ants and termites
- Colonized throughout the world by stowing away in the soil of nursery plants
- Males are not needed for reproduction
- Active after rain events

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