

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Reptilia	Squamata	Colubridae

**Common name** brown tree snake (English), Braune Nachtbaumnatter (German), culepla (Chamorro, Guam), kulebla (Chamorro, Guam), brown catsnake (English)

**Synonym** *Coluber irregularis*, Merrem in Bechstein 1802

*Huria pseudoboiga*, Daudin 1803

*Dendrophis*, (Ahetula) *fusca* Gray 1842

*Triglyphonon irregularare*, Duméril, Bibron & Duméril 1854

*Triglyphonon flavescens*, Duméril, Bibron & Duméril 1854

*Pappophis laticeps*, Macleay 1877

*Pappophis flavigastra*, Macleay 1877

*Dipsas boydii*, Macleay 1884

*Dipsas irregularis*, Fischer 1884

*Dipsas ornata*, Macleay 1888

*Dipsadomorphus irregularis*, Werner 1899

*Boiga flavescens*

**Similar species**

**Summary**

Native island species are predisposed and vulnerable to local extinction by invaders. When the brown tree snake (*Boiga irregularis*) was accidentally introduced to Guam it caused the local extinction of most of the island's native bird and lizard species. It also caused "cascading" ecological effects by removing native pollinators, causing the subsequent decline of native plant species. The ecosystem fragility of other Pacific islands to which cargo flows from Guam has made the potential spread of the brown tree snake from Guam a major concern.



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