

Boiga irregularis  **System:** Terrestrial

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
Hurria pseudoboiga , Daudin 1803
Dendrophis , (*Ahetula*) *fusca* Gray 1842
Triglyphodon irregulare , Duméril, Bibron & Duméril 1854
Triglyphodon 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

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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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