**Jamaican Boa**

The **Jamaican Boa**,[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamaican_Boa%22%20%5Cl%20%22cite_note-ITIS-1), or **yellow snake**[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamaican_Boa#cite_note-NEPA-2) (***Epicrates subflavus***) is non-venomous [boa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boinae%22%20%5Co%20%22Boinae)[species](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Species) found in [Jamaica](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamaica). No [subspecies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subspecies) are currently recognized.[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamaican_Boa#cite_note-ITIS-1)

 **Description**

The Jamaican boa is golden yellow around the head and along the front part of the body, often with strange stripes of black toward one end of its body. The snake's bodies are quite long, usually growing up to be 2 meters in length {6 feet, 6 inches}.

 **Geographic range**

Found in [Jamaica](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamaica), including Goat Island. The [type locality](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Type_locality_%28biology%29) given is Jamaica.[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamaican_Boa#cite_note-McD99-0)

**Habitat**

Moist limestone forests.

 **Conservation Status**

This species is classified as Vulnerable (VU) on the [IUCN](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Conservation_Union) [Red List of Threatened Species](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IUCN_Red_List)with the following criteria: A2ce (v2.3, 1994).[[4]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamaican_Boa#cite_note-IUCN-3) A species is listed as such when the best available evidence indicates that a population decline of 20% is expected within the next ten years or three generations, whichever is the longer, due to a decline in the quality and area of occupancy. It is therefore considered to be facing a high risk of extinction in the wild. Year assessed: 1996.[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamaican_Boa#cite_note-IUCN-23-4)

Their natural habitat is being destroyed, which is forcing them into inhabited areas, where they are captured and killed. Some measures have been taken to afford these animals some protection:

* Listed as a Protected species under the Wild Life protection Act (1945).
* Listed under Appendix 1 of the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.
* Hunting in Forest reserves is also prohibited under the Forest Act (1996).

 **See also**

* [List of boine species and subspecies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_boine_species_and_subspecies)
* [Boinae by common name](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category%3ABoinae_by_common_name)
* [Boinae by taxonomic synonyms](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category%3ABoinae_by_taxonomic_synonyms)