

Emoia obscura

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Distribution: New Guinea and neighbouring islands.
Habitat: Coconut plantations and lowland rainforests.

Diet: Small arthropods.

Max. length: 43-61 mm SVL.

Reproductive strategy: Oviparous with clutches of two eggs.

Emoia obscura is a super-species containing several similar species that may be found in rainforests, grasslands or swamp areas. It may be terrestrial or arboreal in habit. The Karkar Island population is unique in possessing lower scale counts than specimens from other populations and may ultimately represent an endemic island species.

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