



BALL PYTHON

(Python regius)

ANIMAL FACTS

WILD LOCALITY:

West Central Africa

HABITAT:

Forests, Savannas, & Arid Fields

LIFESTYLE:

Terrestrial (ground-dwelling)

DIET:

Small Mammals & Birds (carnivore)

LIFE EXPECTANCY:

20-35 years in the care of humans
(less in the wild)

ADULT SIZE:

3-5 ft, & 1,000-4,000g

ACTIVITY:

Primarily Nocturnal (more active at night)

CONSERVATION STATUS:

Least Concern

THREATS:

Hunting, & Importation

FUN FACTS:

Another name for the Ball Python is the "Royal Python." This is likely due to legends told of Egyptian royalty keeping these beautiful snakes as pets & often wearing them as "living jewelry" around their necks & wrists. These shy snakes are very docile & unlikely to bite. If feeling threatened, they instead curl up into a ball with their head underneath their thick body as protection.