

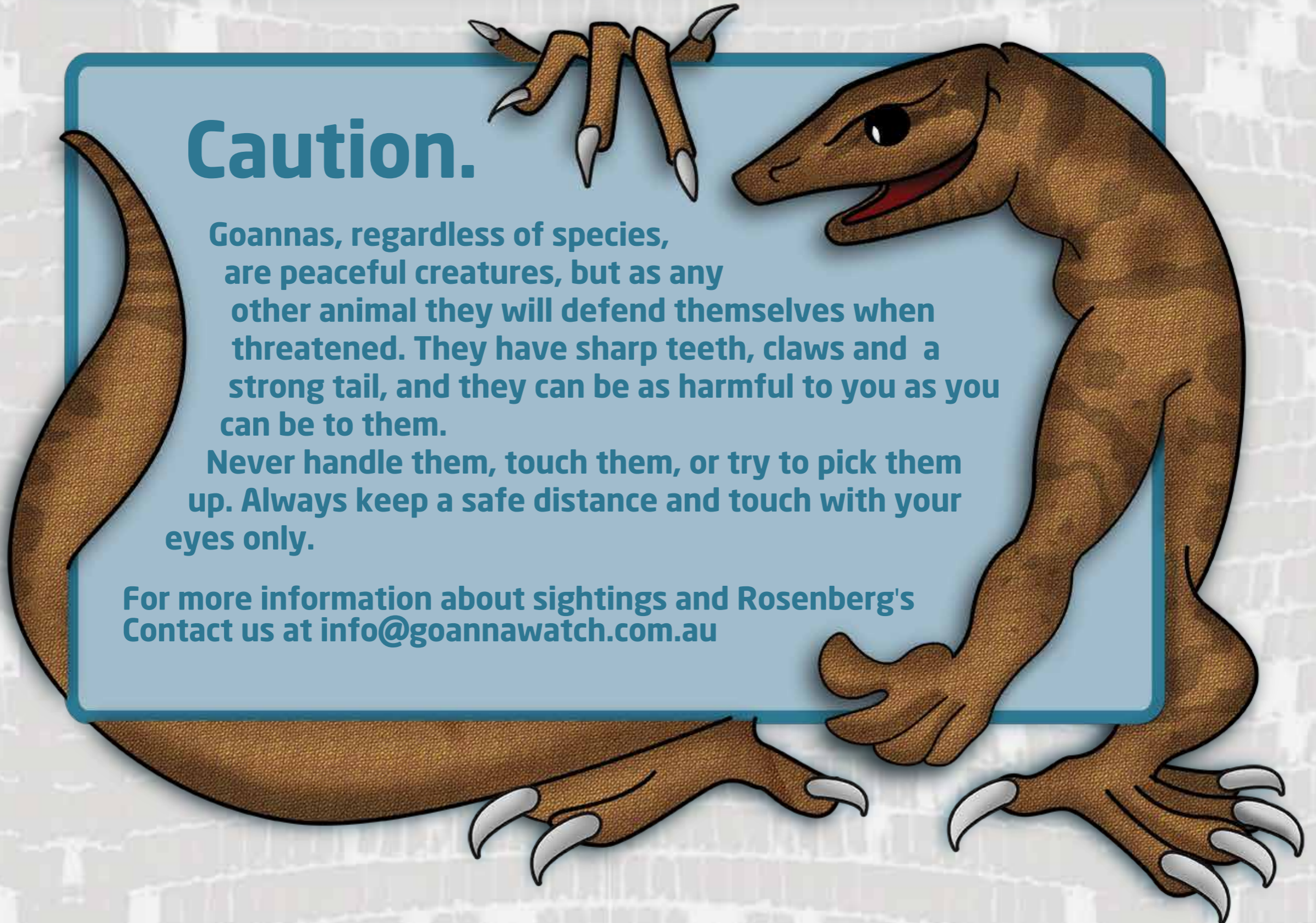
Rosenberg's Goanna Identification Chart

Caution.

Goannas, regardless of species, are peaceful creatures, but as any other animal they will defend themselves when threatened. They have sharp teeth, claws and a strong tail, and they can be as harmful to you as you can be to them.

Never handle them, touch them, or try to pick them up. Always keep a safe distance and touch with your eyes only.

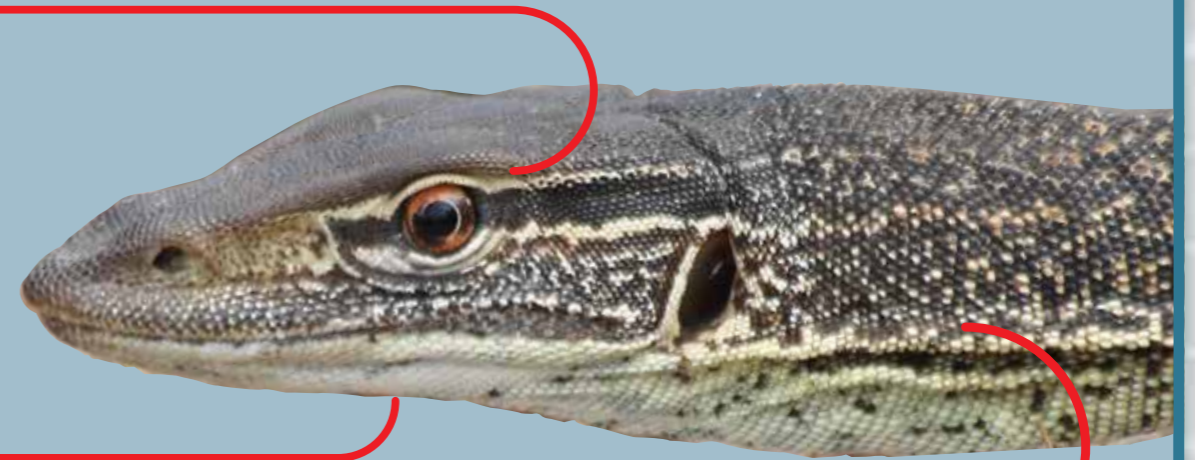
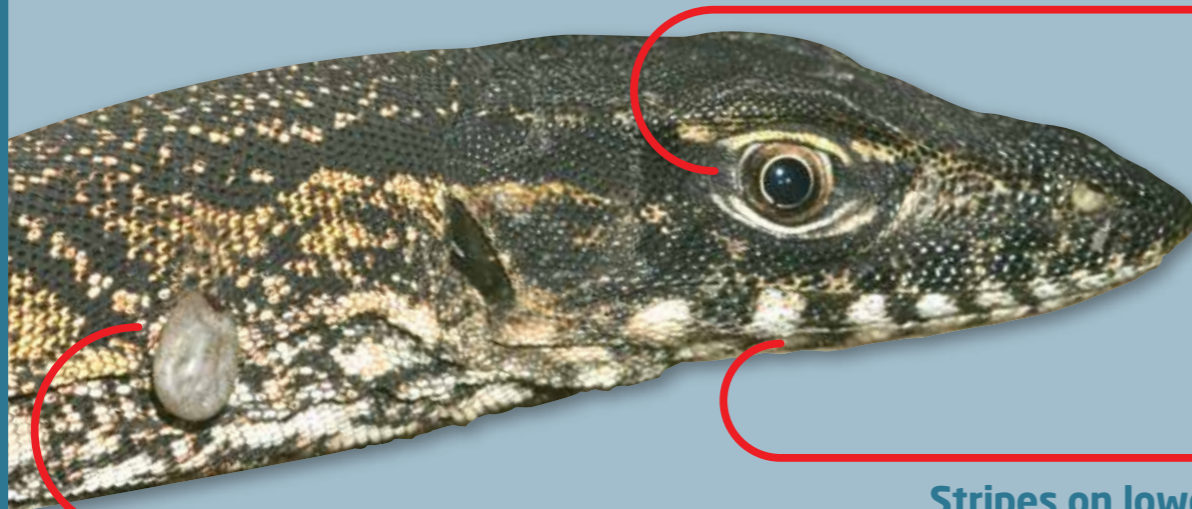
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Rosenberg's

Gould's

Both species can present an eye stripe



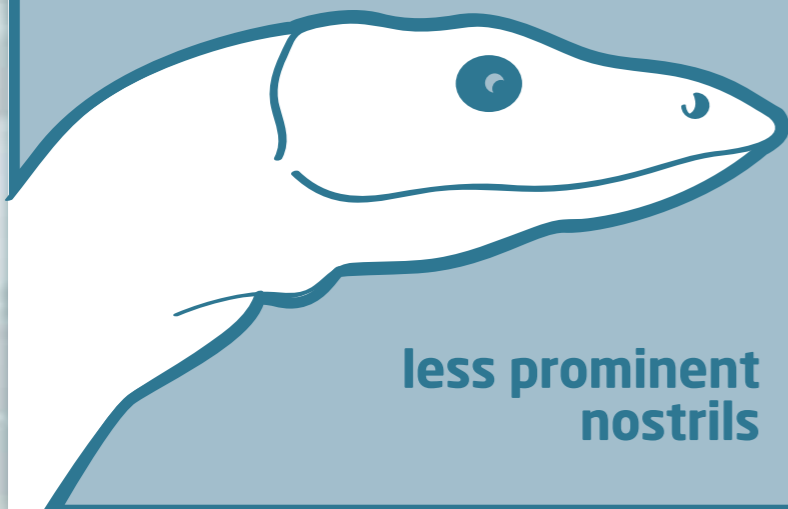
Stripes on lower jaw are present only in the Rosenbergs species

Rosenbergs have a distinct diagonal band on their necks, and when young, they present an orange tint pattern that disappears in adulthood.

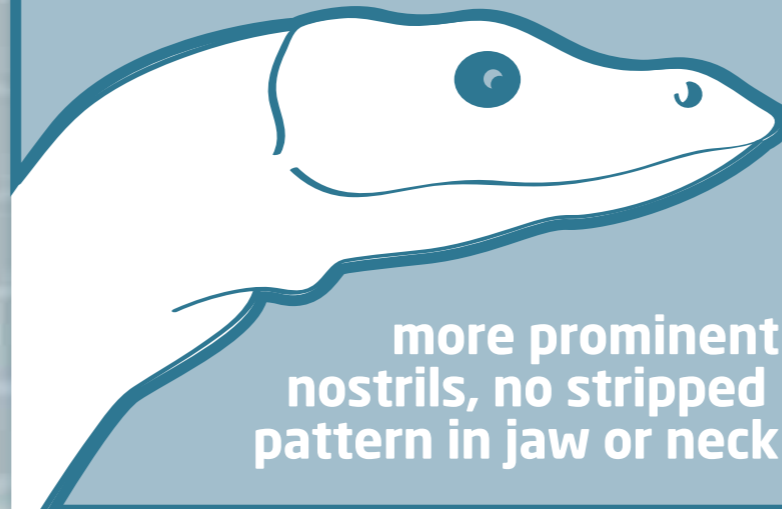
Goulds have straight patterns on their necks and keep the same coloration through all their adult lives.

Rosenberg's

Gould's



less prominent nostrils

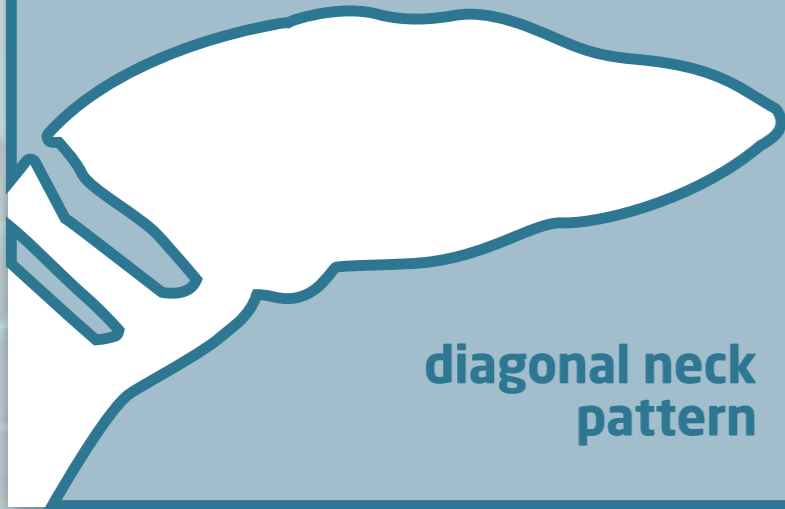


more prominent nostrils, no stripped pattern in jaw or neck



Gould's head shape
Rosenberg's head shape

Rosenberg's

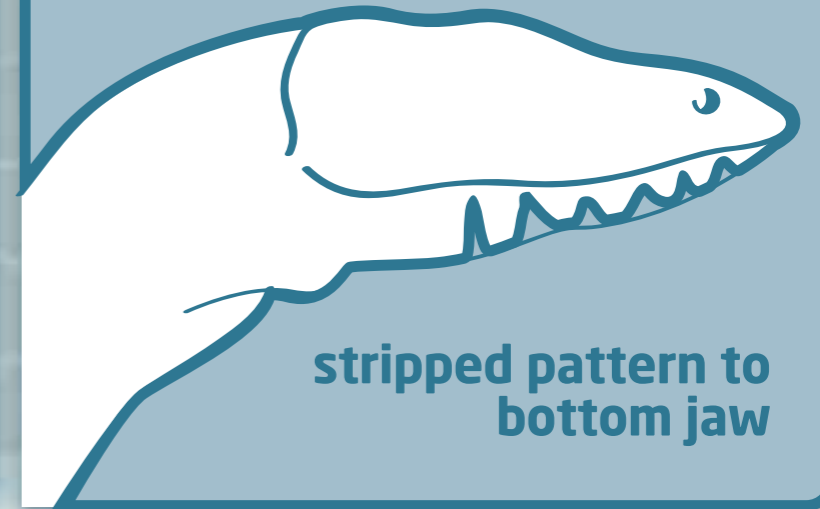


diagonal neck pattern



Rosenberg's Young with orange pattern

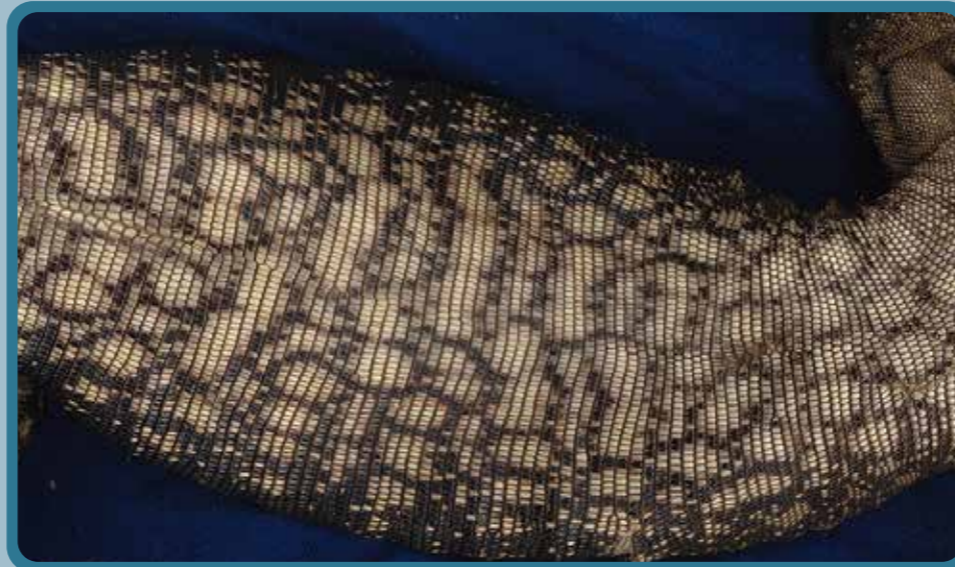
Rosenberg's



stripped pattern to bottom jaw



Gould's tail tip is commonly yellow, but not always.



If you need to identify a dead Goanna, remember to check the belly. Rosenberg's present unique individualistic patterns, while Gould's present random dots or no pattern at all

Remember that colour and size can be deceiving, both species can present specimens in a wide variety of tints, patterns and scales, therefore this is never a good identification method