



PHOTO-ESSAY
PYTHON SWALLOWING A MOUSE

CARPET PYTHON (*Morelia spilota*)

HOUSE MOUSE (*Mus musculus*)

The Carpet Python is now rare and endangered. They inhabit north, south and east Australia, in a wide variety of environments, excepting arid central and western areas and southern Victoria. New Guinea is the northern limit of their distribution. Carpet pythons do well where there is less disturbance and no fox predation: on East and West Wallabi Islands in the Houtman Abrolhos archipelago, on the Recherche archipelago and Garden Island, off Western Australia.

The House Mouse is found all over the world where there is access to grain crops. Favouring places where humans live the House Mouse adapts to any environment, wet or dry, quickly becoming a feral pest and often breeding to plague proportions.















