

THE GOLDEN SUN MOTH

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The Golden Sun Moth is a medium-sized, day-flying moth.

The wingspan of females and males is about 3.1 cm and 3.4 cm respectively. The smaller wingspan of the female is unique within the *Synemon* genus. In the female, the upper-side of the forewing is dark grey with patterns of paler grey scales, and the hindwing is bright orange with black spots along the edges of the wings. The underside of both wings is white with small black spots along the edge of the wings.

In the male, the upper-side of the forewing is dark brown with patterns of pale grey scales and the hindwing is bronze/brown with dark brown patches. The underside of both wings is pale grey with dark brown spots.

Both males and females have clubbed antennae. The female has a long extensible ovipositor, which is an elongated organ extending from the posterior abdomen used to lay eggs.



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STRIPED LEGLESS LIZARD

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The **Striped Legless Lizard** is a member of the family Pygopodidae, the legless or flap-footed lizards.

Striped Legless Lizards lack forelimbs and have only very reduced hind limbs. These hind limbs are apparent only as small flaps on either side of the vent. Superficially, these animals resemble snakes, but can be readily distinguished from the latter by the presence of external ear openings, a fleshy undivided tongue and a tail which is longer than the body.

The Striped Legless Lizard is a pale-grey lizard up to 30 cm in length, with a maximum snout-vent length of about 12 cm. Striped Legless Lizards have a long thin body and the tail, when unbroken, is about twice the length of the body. They have a series of stripes on their sides and the sides of their back, becoming diagonal bands on the tail. These stripes are dark-brown or blackish and extend the whole length of the individual from the neck to the tail. Each stripe has individual black-centred scales. However, in some individuals, particularly juveniles, these stripes may be very faint or absent. The head is generally darker than the body, tending to black in juveniles.

The underside of Striped Legless Lizards is whitish and they have a blunt snout. There is significant variation in the size of Striped Legless Lizards.



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