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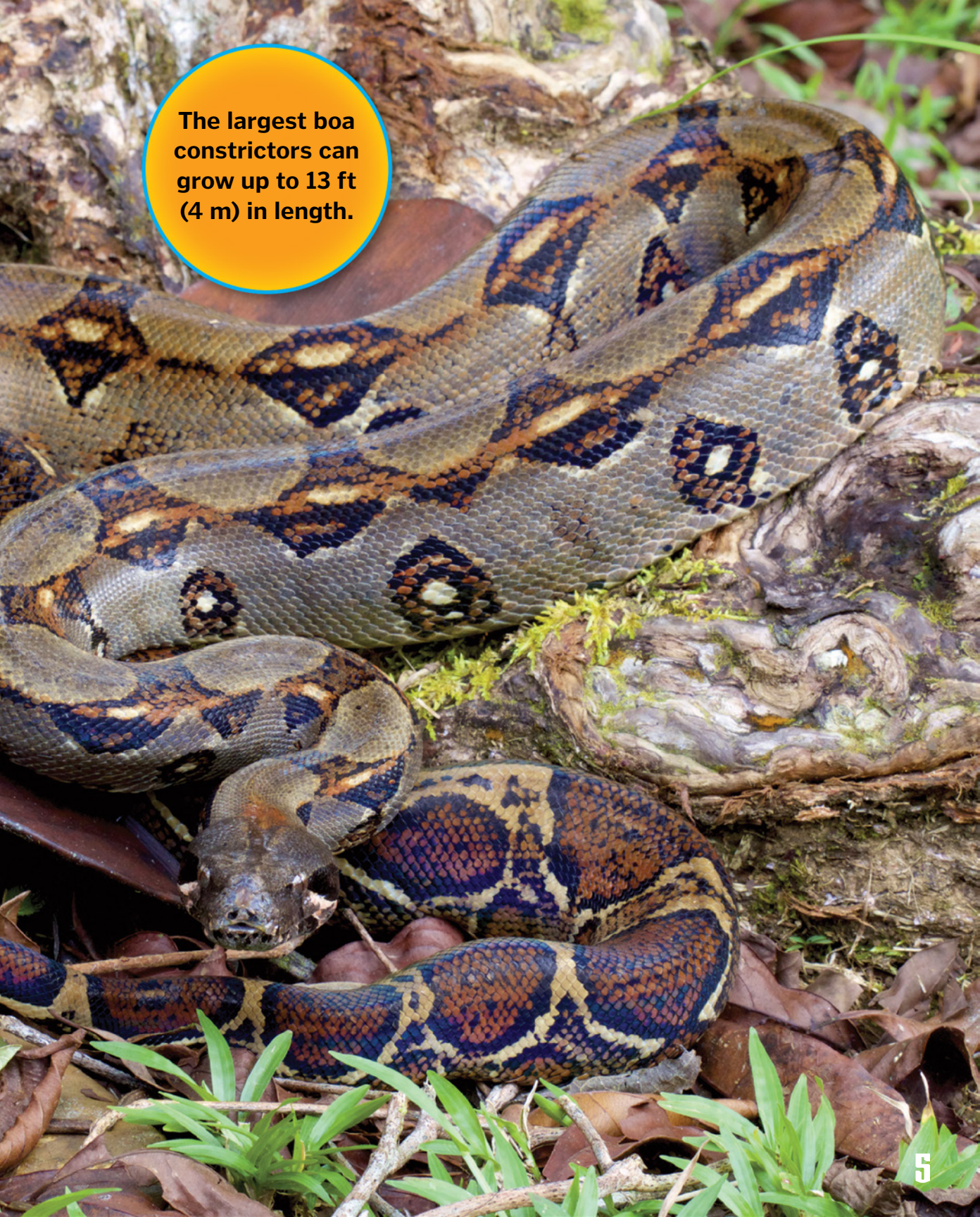
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Meet a Giant

A boa constrictor uncoils its long body. The strong snake slithers its way through the hot, damp **rain forest**. It's hard to miss one of the biggest snakes in the world. A boa usually measures between 6.5 and 9.8 feet (2 and 3 m) long.





The largest boa constrictors can grow up to 13 ft (4 m) in length.


Home For a Killer

Boa constrictors live in Central and South America. Most make their homes in rain forests. But they are also found in grasslands and deserts. In **habitats** with trees, these excellent climbers sometimes slither up tree trunks and along branches. Boa constrictors are also often found near water. They are good swimmers, but mostly stay on land.



Where boa constrictors live

Boa constrictors live in a large area from Mexico to Argentina.



Most boa
constrictors
are **nocturnal**.
This means they
are active at
night.



A boa swimming