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## African Spurred Tortoise

*Centrochelys sulcata*

The African Spurred Tortoise, also known as the Sulcata Tortoise, is the third-largest tortoise species in the world and the largest mainland tortoise. It is easily recognized by the prominent spurs ...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Reptile

**Family:** Testudinidae

**Habitat:** Arid grasslands and savannas at the southern edge of the Sahara Desert

**Diet:** Herbivore

**Conservation status:** Vulnerable

**Lifespan:** 50–70 years (can exceed 100 years in captivity)

**Weight:** 40–100 kg (88–220 lbs)

**Scientific name:** *Centrochelys sulcata*

### Did you know?

- Unlike many tortoises, the African Spurred Tortoise can grow rapidly, sometimes gaining several pounds per year when young.
- African Spurred Tortoises are exceptional diggers, often creating burrows up to 10 feet long to escape the heat. They can survive for weeks without w...

### What I learned

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