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Argentine Black and White Tegu

Salvator merianae

The Argentine Black and White Tegu is the largest species of tegu lizard native to South America, particularly Argentina, Brazil, and surrounding countries. It is easily recognized by its distinct bl…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Teiidae
Habitat: Tropical forests, savannas, and semi-deserts
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 15-20 years
Weight: 3-8 kg
Scientific name: Salvator merianae

Did you know?

- The Argentine Black and White Tegu can enter a hibernation-like state called brumation during cooler months, slowing its metabolism dramatically.
- Argentine Black and White Tegus can regulate their body temperature seasonally and are among the few reptiles known to exhibit partial endothermy. Du…

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