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Animal Fact Sheet

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Argus Monitor

Varanus panoptes

The Argus Monitor is a large, alert lizard native to northern Australia and southern New Guinea. It is renowned for its keen senses, powerful limbs, and distinctive pattern of yellowish spots across …

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Varanidae
Habitat: Savanna and open woodland
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8-15 years
Weight: 3-7 kg
Scientific name: Varanus panoptes

Did you know?

- Argus Monitors can inflate their bodies with air to appear larger and deter predators or rivals.
- Argus Monitors are named after the many eye-like spots on their bodies, reminiscent of Argus Panoptes from Greek mythology. They can stand upright on…

What I learned

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