

# 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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