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Animal Fact Sheet

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Armadillo girdled lizard

Ouroborus cataphractus

The armadillo girdled lizard defends itself exactly the way its namesake does. Threatened, it takes its own tail in its mouth and curls into a tight ring, turning the soft belly inward and presenting…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Cordylidae
Habitat: Rocky deserts and semi-arid scrublands
Diet: Insectivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 6-10 years
Weight: 40-60 grams
Scientific name: Ouroborus cataphractus

Did you know?

- The Armadillo girdled lizard can go several months without drinking water, deriving most of its moisture from its insect diet and the dew that forms …
- Threatened, it bites its own tail and curls into an armoured ring, hiding its soft belly behind a wall of spines. It is social — dozens share the sam…

What I learned

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