

Animal Fact Sheet

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Armadillo girdled lizard

Ouroborus cataphractus

The Armadillo girdled lizard is a small, spiny reptile native to the deserts and semi-arid regions of South Africa. Its most distinctive feature is its ability to curl into a ball, biting its own tail...

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 ...
- Unlike most lizards, the Armadillo girdled lizard gives birth to live young rather than laying eggs. It communicates with others in its group through...

What I learned
