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Animal Fact Sheet

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Ball Python

Python regius

The ball python is named for its defence: rather than strike, it tucks its head into the centre of its coils and rolls into a tight ball that a predator struggles to open. It is a small, slow, mild A…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Pythonidae
Habitat: Grasslands, savannas, and open forests
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 20-30 years (in captivity, sometimes longer)
Weight: 1.2–2.3 kg (2.6–5.1 lbs)
Scientific name: Python regius

Did you know?

- In some parts of West Africa, Ball Pythons are revered and considered symbols of good fortune and protection.
- A female ball python at the Saint Louis Zoo laid a clutch of eggs in 2020 at an estimated 62 years old, having had no contact with a male for over tw…

What I learned

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