

Animal Fact Sheet

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Barbados Threadsnake

Tetracheilostoma carlae

The Barbados Threadsnake is the world's smallest known snake, endemic to the Caribbean island of Barbados. It is a slender, worm-like reptile that rarely exceeds 10 cm in length and has a diameter si...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile**Family:** Leptotyphlopidae**Habitat:** Subtropical dry forest and shrubland, primarily under leaf litter and stones**Diet:** Carnivore**Conservation status:** Critically Endangered**Lifespan:** 3-5 years**Weight:** 0.6-1.0 grams**Scientific name:** *Tetracheilostoma carlae*

Did you know?

- Despite being a snake, its eyes are almost vestigial and it relies heavily on its sense of smell and touch to navigate underground.
- The Barbados Threadsnake is so small that it can curl up comfortably on a U.S. quarter. Females typically lay only one, relatively large egg compared...

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