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Animal Fact Sheet

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Barbados Threadsnake

Tetracheilostoma carlae

The Barbados threadsnake is the smallest snake in the world: an adult is about 10 cm long and roughly as thick as a strand of spaghetti, and one can coil comfortably on a US quarter. It was described…

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.
- Threadsnakes have vestigial pelvic remnants, hinting at their ancestors' hind limbs. They are so small and worm-like that they are routinely mistaken…

What I learned

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