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Animal Fact Sheet

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Black spiny-tailed iguana

Ctenosaura similis

The black spiny-tailed iguana is a large, agile lizard native to Central America, recognized by its distinctive black, keeled scales running along its tail. It is one of the fastest-running lizards, …

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Iguanidae
Habitat: Dry forests, rocky areas, and savannas of Central America
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 15-25 years
Weight: 0.8-2.5 kg
Scientific name: Ctenosaura similis

Did you know?

- Despite their intimidating appearance and spiny tails, these iguanas are sometimes kept as pets and are even considered a delicacy in certain regions.
- Black spiny-tailed iguanas are known for their remarkable speed, making them one of the fastest lizard species in the world. They are also skilled cl…

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