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## Common chuckwalla

*Sauromalus ater*

The common chuckwalla is a large, robust lizard native to arid regions of the southwestern United States and northwestern Mexico. Known for its loose, baggy skin and blunt tail, this reptile is well ...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Reptile

**Family:** Iguanidae

**Habitat:** Rocky desert

**Diet:** Herbivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 15-25 years

**Weight:** 300-900 grams

**Scientific name:** *Sauromalus ater*

### Did you know?

- Despite living in harsh, arid environments, chuckwallas can go for long periods without drinking water, obtaining most of their moisture from the plants they eat.
- Chuckwallas can inflate their bodies with air to jam themselves securely in rock crevices, making them nearly impossible for predators to extract. This is a defense mechanism.

### What I learned

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