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Animal Fact Sheet

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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 pla…
- Chuckwallas can inflate their bodies with air to jam themselves securely in rock crevices, making them nearly impossible for predators to extract. Th…

What I learned

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