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Animal Fact Sheet

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Desert Horned Viper

Cerastes cerastes

Cerastes cerastes is the small Saharan viper with a single spine-like scale sticking up above each eye, and although the horns are its trademark, hornless individuals occur in the same populations, s…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Viperidae
Habitat: Desert
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-18 years
Weight: 100-300 grams
Scientific name: Cerastes cerastes

Did you know?

- Despite their intimidating appearance and venomous bite, Desert Horned Vipers are relatively docile and will often attempt to flee rather than confro…
- The saw-scaled rasping display is shared with the saw-scaled vipers of the same deserts, and it is a striking case of two lineages solving the same w…

What I learned

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