

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Giant Desert Centipede

*Scolopendra heros*

The Giant Desert Centipede is one of the largest centipede species in North America, known for its striking coloration and impressive size. It can reach lengths up to 20 centimeters (8 inches) and is...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate

**Family:** Scolopendridae

**Habitat:** Desert

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 5-10 years

**Weight:** 15-20 grams

**Scientific name:** *Scolopendra heros*

### Did you know?

- A Giant Desert Centipede can climb vertical surfaces and even hang upside down to catch its prey.
- Giant Desert Centipedes can subdue prey much larger than themselves using their venomous forcipules. They are expert escape artists and can squeeze t...

### What I learned

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