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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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