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## Indian Star Tortoise

*Geochelone elegans*

The Indian Star Tortoise is a small to medium-sized tortoise known for its strikingly beautiful, star-patterned shell. Native to India, Sri Lanka, and parts of Pakistan, this species prefers dry area...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Reptile

**Family:** Testudinidae

**Habitat:** Dry scrub forests, grasslands, and semi-deserts

**Diet:** Herbivore

**Conservation status:** Vulnerable

**Lifespan:** 30-50 years

**Weight:** 1-2.5 kg

**Scientific name:** *Geochelone elegans*

### Did you know?

- Despite being terrestrial, Indian Star Tortoises can survive long periods without water by absorbing moisture from their food and dew.
- Indian Star Tortoises are known for their unique domed shells, which help them right themselves if flipped over. They are shy and spend much of their...

### What I learned

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