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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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