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Animal Fact Sheet

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Lace Monitor

Varanus varius

Varanus varius is Australia's second-largest lizard, reaching 2 m, and it is a strong, fast climber that spirals around a tree trunk to keep the trunk between itself and a threat. Its most remarkable…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Varanidae
Habitat: Forests and woodlands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 15-20 years
Weight: 6-14 kg
Scientific name: Varanus varius

Did you know?

- Despite their intimidating size and appearance, Lace Monitors are shy and will usually flee from humans rather than confront them.
- The nine-month gap between laying and returning to excavate the hatchlings makes lace monitors one of the few reptiles that appear to remember and ac…

What I learned

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