

Animal Fact Sheet

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Perentie

Varanus giganteus

The perentie is Australia's largest monitor lizard and one of the largest lizards in the world, reaching lengths up to 2.5 meters (8.2 feet). It has a robust, streamlined body with a long neck, power...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Varanidae

Habitat: Arid desert and rocky outcrops

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 15-20 years

Weight: 15-20 kg

Scientific name: *Varanus giganteus*

Did you know?

- The perentie is capable of delivering a powerful, venomous bite, as recent studies have shown that all monitor lizards possess venom glands.
- Perenties can run in a semi-erect posture, using only their hind legs for short bursts of speed. They have a forked tongue similar to snakes, which h...

What I learned
