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Animal Fact Sheet

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Red-footed tortoise

Chelonoidis carbonarius

The Red-footed tortoise is a medium-sized tortoise native to South America, easily recognized by its distinctive red or orange scales on its limbs, head, and tail. It has a domed, elongated shell tha…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Testudinidae
Habitat: Tropical and subtropical forests, savannas, and grasslands
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 30-50 years
Weight: 5-13 kg
Scientific name: Chelonoidis carbonarius

Did you know?

- Unlike many tortoise species, the Red-footed tortoise is capable of eating animal protein like insects and carrion in addition to plant material.
- Red-footed tortoises can recognize individual humans and other tortoises. They have a specialized beak that allows them to eat a wide variety of food…

What I learned

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