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## Russian Tortoise

*Testudo horsfieldii*

The Russian Tortoise is a small, hardy tortoise species native to arid regions of Central Asia, including parts of Russia, Uzbekistan, and Afghanistan. It is easily recognized by its domed, olive to ...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Reptile

**Family:** Testudinidae

**Habitat:** Desert and semi-desert environments with sandy or loamy soils

**Diet:** Herbivore

**Conservation status:** Vulnerable

**Lifespan:** 40-50 years

**Weight:** 0.8-2.0 kg

**Scientific name:** *Testudo horsfieldii*

### Did you know?

- Despite their small size, Russian Tortoises can survive long periods without water by extracting moisture from their food and minimizing water loss.
- Russian Tortoises are expert diggers, capable of creating burrows several feet deep to escape extreme temperatures. Unlike many other tortoise specie...

### What I learned

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