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Animal Fact Sheet

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Sidewinder

Crotalus cerastes

The sidewinder (Crotalus cerastes) is a small rattlesnake of the Mojave and Sonoran deserts, rarely exceeding 80 centimetres, and it moves in a way that is easy to admire and hard to explain. In side…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Viperidae
Habitat: Desert
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 50-110 grams
Scientific name: Crotalus cerastes

Did you know?

- Unlike most rattlesnakes, sidewinders lay eggs that hatch inside the female's body, giving birth to live young in a process called ovoviviparity.
- A sidewinder's track is not a continuous line but a row of separated J-shapes, and the direction of the hook tells you which way the snake was going.…

What I learned

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