

Animal Fact Sheet

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Sidewinder

Crotalus cerastes

The sidewinder is a small, venomous pit viper native to the deserts of the southwestern United States and northwestern Mexico. Known for its unique method of movement, called 'sidewinding,' this snak...

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.
- Sidewinders are among the fastest-moving snakes across loose sand, reaching speeds up to 18 miles per hour in short bursts. The 'horns' above their e...

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