

Animal Fact Sheet

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Speckled Padloper Tortoise

Homopus signatus

The Speckled Padloper Tortoise is the smallest tortoise species in the world, native to the arid regions of South Africa and Namibia. It is characterized by its domed, speckled shell that provides ca...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Testudinidae

Habitat: Rocky outcrops in arid and semi-arid regions

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Vulnerable

Lifespan: 8-15 years

Weight: 95-165 grams

Scientific name: *Homopus signatus*

Did you know?

- Despite its tiny size, the Speckled Padloper Tortoise can climb steep, rocky surfaces with surprising agility.
- The Speckled Padloper Tortoise is so small that it can fit in the palm of a human hand. Males have a unique concave plastron to facilitate mating, an...

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