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Spiny-tailed iguana

Ctenosaura pectinata

The Spiny-tailed iguana is a robust, medium-to-large lizard native to Central America and Mexico, known for the prominent spines running along its tail and back. Its scales are rough and keeled, prov…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Iguanidae
Habitat: Dry forests, rocky areas, and scrublands
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-25 years
Weight: 0.5–2.0 kg
Scientific name: Ctenosaura pectinata

Did you know?

- Despite their fierce appearance, Spiny-tailed iguanas are important seed dispersers, playing a key ecological role in their native habitats.
- Spiny-tailed iguanas are among the fastest running lizards in the world, capable of reaching impressive speeds to escape danger. They can shed their …

What I learned

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