

Animal Fact Sheet

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Spiny-tailed Lizard

Uromastyx spp.

The Spiny-tailed Lizard, commonly known as Uromastyx, is a genus of robust, desert-dwelling lizards found across North Africa, the Middle East, and parts of South Asia. They are easily recognized by ...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Agamidae

Habitat: Desert

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 15-20 years

Weight: 250-1000 g

Scientific name: Uromastyx spp.

Did you know?

- Despite living in harsh desert conditions, Uromastyx rarely drink water, obtaining almost all the moisture they need from their plant-based diet.
- Uromastyx can regulate their body temperature by adjusting their exposure to the sun. Their spiny tails are not only a defense mechanism but are also...

What I learned
