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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

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