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Spur-thighed tortoise

Testudo graeca

The Spur-thighed tortoise is a medium-sized terrestrial reptile native to southern Europe, North Africa, and parts of western Asia. Recognizable by the prominent spurs on its thighs, it has a domed, ...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Testudinidae

Habitat: Dry Mediterranean scrublands and grasslands

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Vulnerable

Lifespan: 40-60 years

Weight: 0.7-2 kg

Scientific name: Testudo graeca

Did you know?

- Despite their slow appearance, Spur-thighed tortoises can cover surprising distances in search of food or mates, especially during the breeding season...
- Spur-thighed tortoises can dig burrows to escape extreme temperatures and have a remarkable ability to survive drought by storing water in their bladder...

What I learned
