

Animal Fact Sheet

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Sri Lankan Star Tortoise

Geochelone elegans

The Sri Lankan Star Tortoise is a strikingly patterned terrestrial reptile native to the dry forests and scrublands of Sri Lanka. It is known for its high-domed shell adorned with vibrant, radiating ...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Testudinidae

Habitat: Dry forest and scrubland

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Critically Endangered

Lifespan: 30-80 years

Weight: 1-3 kg

Scientific name: *Geochelone elegans*

Did you know?

- Unlike many tortoises, the Sri Lankan Star Tortoise can sometimes be found grazing in small groups rather than strictly solitary.
- The Sri Lankan Star Tortoise can retract its head, legs, and tail fully into its shell for protection. Its shell pattern provides camouflage among le...

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