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Animal Fact Sheet

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Thorny Devil

Moloch horridus

The thorny devil (Moloch horridus) of the Australian deserts is a slow, 20-centimetre lizard covered in conical spines, and it solves the two hardest problems of desert life in ways nothing else quit…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Agamidae
Habitat: Desert
Diet: Insectivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 6-20 years
Weight: 28-60 grams
Scientific name: Moloch horridus

Did you know?

- Thorny Devils have a unique way of drinking: they collect water through their skin grooves, channeling it directly to their mouths by capillary actio…
- A thorny devil can drink through its feet, wicking water up the skin's capillary channels from damp sand to its mouth. It eats one ant at a time and …

What I learned

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