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Veiled Chameleon

Chamaeleo calyptratus

The veiled chameleon (Chamaeleo calyptratus) of Yemen and southwest Saudi Arabia is the chameleon most people have actually seen, and it corrects two persistent myths. The first is that chameleons ch…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Chamaeleonidae
Habitat: Tropical and subtropical forests, scrublands, and mountainous regions
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-8 years
Weight: 85-170 grams
Scientific name: Chamaeleo calyptratus

Did you know?

- Unlike many lizards, Veiled Chameleons have a long, sticky tongue that can shoot out up to twice the length of their body to capture prey with incred…
- Chameleons do not change colour to match their surroundings; they change it to signal and to control their temperature, by tuning the spacing of nano…

What I learned

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