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Western Diamondback Rattlesnake

Crotalus atrox

The Western Diamondback Rattlesnake is a large, venomous pit viper native to the arid regions of the southwestern United States and northern Mexico. Easily recognized by its distinctive diamond-shape...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Viperidae

Habitat: Desert and scrubland

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 10-20 years

Weight: 1.1–2.7 kg (2.5–6 lbs)

Scientific name: *Crotalus atrox*

Did you know?

- The Western Diamondback is responsible for the majority of snakebite incidents in the United States, but fatalities are rare due to prompt medical treatment.
- Western Diamondbacks can control the intensity and duration of their rattle to warn off predators. They are excellent swimmers and can cross rivers with ease.

What I learned
