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Animal Fact Sheet

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Western Diamondback Rattlesnake

Crotalus atrox

The western diamondback (Crotalus atrox) is the rattlesnake responsible for the largest share of serious snakebites in the United States, not because its venom is exceptional but because it is abunda…

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 tr…
- You cannot age a rattlesnake by counting its rattle segments: it adds several a year and loses the old ones. The muscles that shake the rattle fire u…

What I learned

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