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Western Fence Lizard

Sceloporus occidentalis

The Western Fence Lizard, often called the 'blue-belly' lizard, is a medium-sized reptile native to the western United States. Recognizable by its rough, spiny scales and distinctive blue coloration …

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Phrynosomatidae
Habitat: Woodlands, grasslands, chaparral, and suburban areas
Diet: Insectivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 4-6 years
Weight: 10-20 grams
Scientific name: Sceloporus occidentalis

Did you know?

- Ticks that feed on Western Fence Lizards lose the bacteria that cause Lyme disease, making areas with these lizards safer for humans.
- Male Western Fence Lizards display vibrant blue patches during mating season to attract females and ward off rivals. Their basking behavior not only …

What I learned

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