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Animal Fact Sheet

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Western hognose snake

Heterodon nasicus

The western hognose snake (Heterodon nasicus) is a small, stout, harmless-to-humans snake of the North American plains, and it is one of the great bluffers in the animal kingdom. The upturned, keeled…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Colubridae
Habitat: Grasslands and prairies
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 12-18 years
Weight: 80-200 grams
Scientific name: Heterodon nasicus

Did you know?

- Despite their fierce defensive displays, Western hognose snakes rarely bite and are considered harmless to humans.
- Its upturned nose is a digging tool, used to shovel toads out of sandy soil. It pops inflated toads with enlarged rear teeth, like a pin in a balloon…

What I learned

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