

Animal Fact Sheet

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Western hognose snake

Heterodon nasicus

The Western hognose snake is a small, stout-bodied snake native to the prairies and grasslands of North America. Recognized by its upturned snout, which it uses for digging, this snake displays a var...

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.
- Western hognose snakes are famous for their dramatic 'playing dead' act when threatened. They have an upturned snout specialized for digging in sandy...

What I learned
