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Animal Fact Sheet

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Western Sand Viper

Vipera ammodytes

The Western Sand Viper, also known as the Nose-horned Viper, is a venomous snake native to southern Europe and parts of the Balkans. Distinguished by the prominent 'horn' on its snout, this viper has…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Viperidae
Habitat: Rocky hillsides, scrublands, and dry forests
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 12-20 years
Weight: 100-300 grams
Scientific name: Vipera ammodytes

Did you know?

- The Western Sand Viper can flatten its body and hiss loudly as a warning when threatened, mimicking the appearance and sound of a much larger snake.
- The Western Sand Viper has a distinctive nasal 'horn' made of soft tissue, setting it apart from other European vipers. It is an ambush predator that…

What I learned

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