

THREE INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE SONORAN DESERT TORTOISE

Three interesting facts about the sonoran desert tortoise are that it spends 95% of its life in underground burrows. Female tortoises don't breed until they are fifteen to twenty years old. Sonoran desert tortoises can live up to 100 years old.



(tortoise burrow)

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Sonoran Desert Tortoise



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WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

The Sonoran Desert Tortoise is usually 10-14 inches (25 to 36 cm) long. They can weigh from 8-15 lbs. Their shells are greenish tan to dark brown. They can extend their back legs very long. The male tortoise's tail is bigger than the females'. It eats grasses and leafy greens.



WHERE YOU CAN FIND IT

The Sonoran desert tortoise can live in areas up to 140 degrees Fahrenheit. You can find them in the desert. They need to live in hot places. You can find the Sonoran desert tortoise in Arizona, southeastern California, south Nevada, and Utah.



WHY IT'S ENDANGERED AND HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Sonoran desert tortoise is endangered for many reasons. Diseases spread, livestock grazing, and because more people are moving into Arizona, so construction workers are bulldozing down their homes so they can build more houses. There are some ways you can help them though. You can adopt them. Another way to help is to participate in desert preservation efforts.

