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Reticulated Gila Monster

Heloderma suspectum

Peoria Zoo Exhibit Historic Entry Building

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Habitat: Desert-in rocky foothills or in semiarid rocky regions of desert scrub or grasslands

Range: Primarily in Arizona and Mexico

Activity Cycle: Diurnal-active during the day (but most active in the morning)

Size: They can measure up to 22 inches and between 1.5-3 pounds

Social Structure: Solitary

Distinguishing Features: Enlarged grooved teeth in their lower jaw lets them inject venom.
Coloration is black with orange/pink coloration

Diet: Small birds and mammals, eggs, lizards, frogs, insects and carrion

Life Span: 20+years

Did you know?

Gila monsters are the largest lizard found in the United States.