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# TUATARAS



## ANATOMY

- ▶ Tuataras have \_\_\_\_\_ along their back.
- ▶ Third eye on top of its head is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ Tuataras have a single row of teeth on the \_\_\_\_ jaw and a double row of teeth on the \_\_\_\_ jaw.
- ▶ These reptiles can grow up to \_\_\_\_\_ feet long.





## REPRODUCTION



- ▶ Tuataras hatch from \_\_\_\_\_ - skinned eggs.
- ▶ The female lays about a \_\_\_\_\_ eggs in a burrow.
- ▶ It takes \_\_\_\_\_ years to reach full sexual maturity.
- ▶ Females breed every \_\_\_\_\_ years.

## DIET

- ▶ Tuataras is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ They will eat young \_\_\_\_\_ eggs if found.
- ▶ They will eat almost anything \_\_\_\_\_ in size that they can hunt.
- ▶ Also enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.





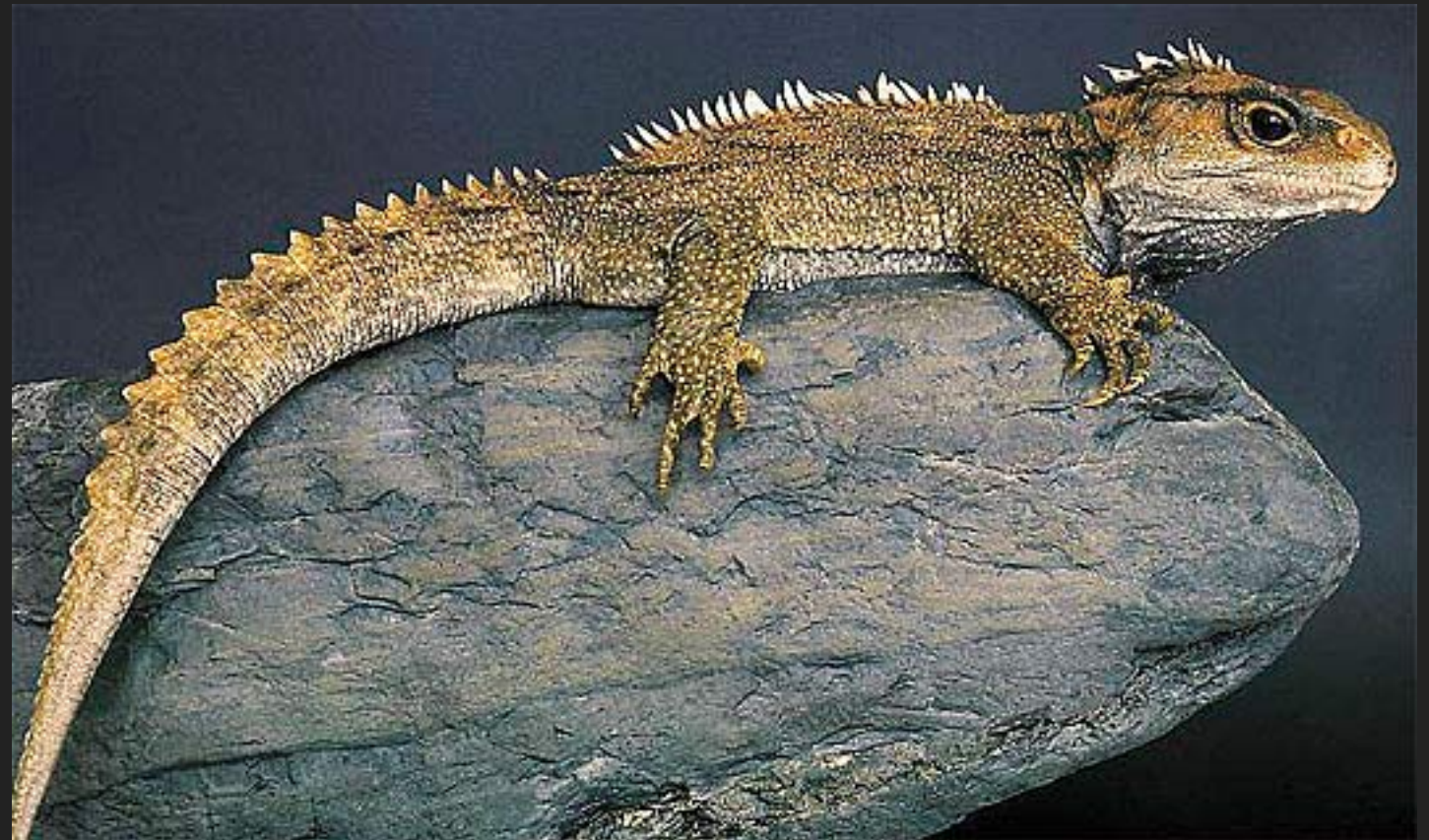


## HABITAT

- ▶ Tuataras are native to chaparral habitats on islands off \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ They went extinct in New Zealand in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ Like \_\_\_\_\_ they adapt better to \_\_\_\_\_ places.

# CLASSIFICATION

- ▶ Class: \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ Order: \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ Family: \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ Genus: \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ Species: \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_







## FACTS

- ▶ The tuatara is not a lizard; it is the only living member of the order Rhynchocephalia, which flourished around \_\_\_\_\_ million years ago.
- ▶ Tuataras have a single row of teeth on the \_\_\_\_\_ jaw and a double row of teeth on the \_\_\_\_\_ jaw.
- ▶ They become \_\_\_\_\_ as they age.
- ▶ Can live up to \_\_\_\_\_ years in the wild.

## MORE FACTS

- ▶ They can \_\_\_\_\_ their tails when broken off.
- ▶ When they go to burrow they \_\_\_\_\_ their own burrows to \_\_\_\_\_ their eggs.
- ▶ Their worst enemy is actually \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ Often eaten by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and wild cats.





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