

## MAY ECO-BLITZ CHALLENGE

COMMON CHUCKWALLA



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## **COMMON CHUCKWALLA**



Common Chuckwalla (Sauromalus ater):

- A large and bulky lizard, up to 16 inches (40 cm) in length, with loose folds of skin around the neck and shoulders.
- Males have black heads and forelimbs. Their trunks may be black, red, orange, or yellow. Females and juveniles have gray or yellow banding.
- Most are active usually in the morning and enjoy basking in the sun.
- Usually found in rocky areas near boulders where they can scurry to hide at the slightest sign of danger.
- Strict herbivores that feed on fruit, plants, and flowers.
- Hibernate during cooler temperatures and generally emerge in mid to late February.
- Found only in the Sonoran and Mohave deserts.



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