



# MAY ECO-BLITZ CHALLENGE

DESERT SPINY  
LIZARD



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## DESERT SPINY & SIDE-BLOTCHED LIZARDS

On your last hike did you see that super-fast running lizard? Did you wonder which species it was? This month the more common lizards are featured. Join us to learn more about the Maricopa County Parks Eco-BLITZ. We will be learning all about these four lizards...feel free to ask the park rangers all about them!

**Side-blotched**- this small lizard (body length ½ to 2.5") is distinguished by a bluish-black blotch on each side of the chest, directly behind the front legs. This is one of the most common lizards in arid regions of the western U.S. and can be found in various habitat types. Diet: Insects, spiders, and scorpions

**Desert Spiny** - are large stocky lizards (Body length 3.25"-6") with large pointed, keeled, overlapping scales (prehistoric-looking), commonly found on the ground and will take shelter under rocks. Males have 2 large, bright, blue-green patches on the throat. Their heads are often tinted with yellow/orange. Diet: Insects, spiders, centipedes, lizards, and occasional plant material



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