

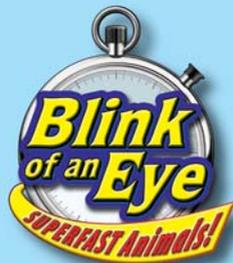
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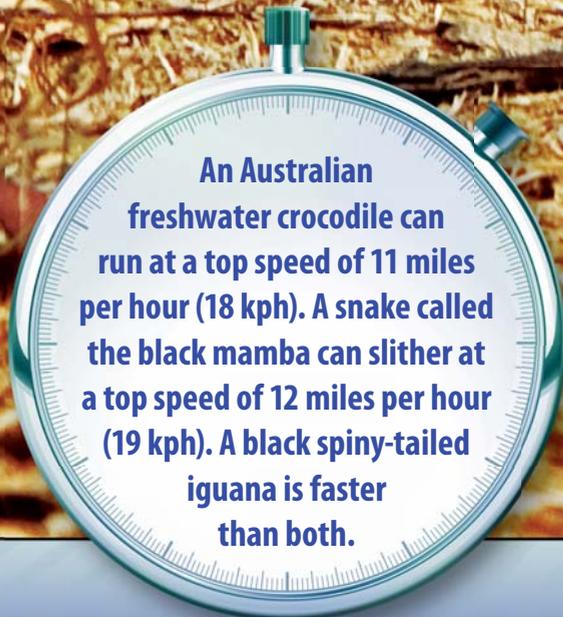


Run, Reptile, Run!

The black spiny-tailed iguana is the fastest **reptile** in the world.

It can run at a speed of up to 21.7 miles per hour (35 kph).

That's a lot faster than most people can run.



**Australian
Freshwater Crocodile
11 mph / 18 kph**





Black Mamba
12 mph / 19 kph



Black Spiny-Tailed Iguana
21.7 mph / 35 kph



Meet the Family

There are about 40 kinds of iguanas.

The best-known kind is the green iguana.

These reptiles are sometimes kept as pets.

Black spiny-tailed iguanas are also kept as pets, though much less often than green iguanas are.

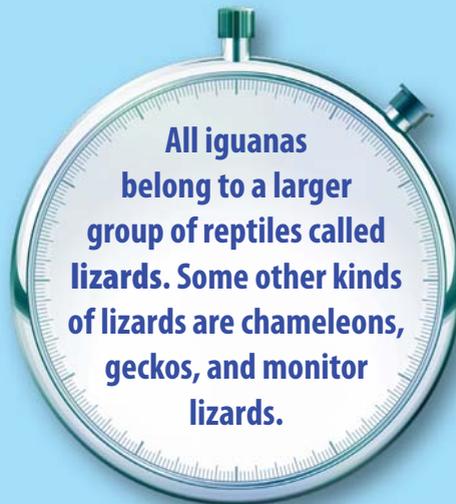
Some pet owners say that black spiny-tails are harder to handle and tame than their green cousins.



green iguana

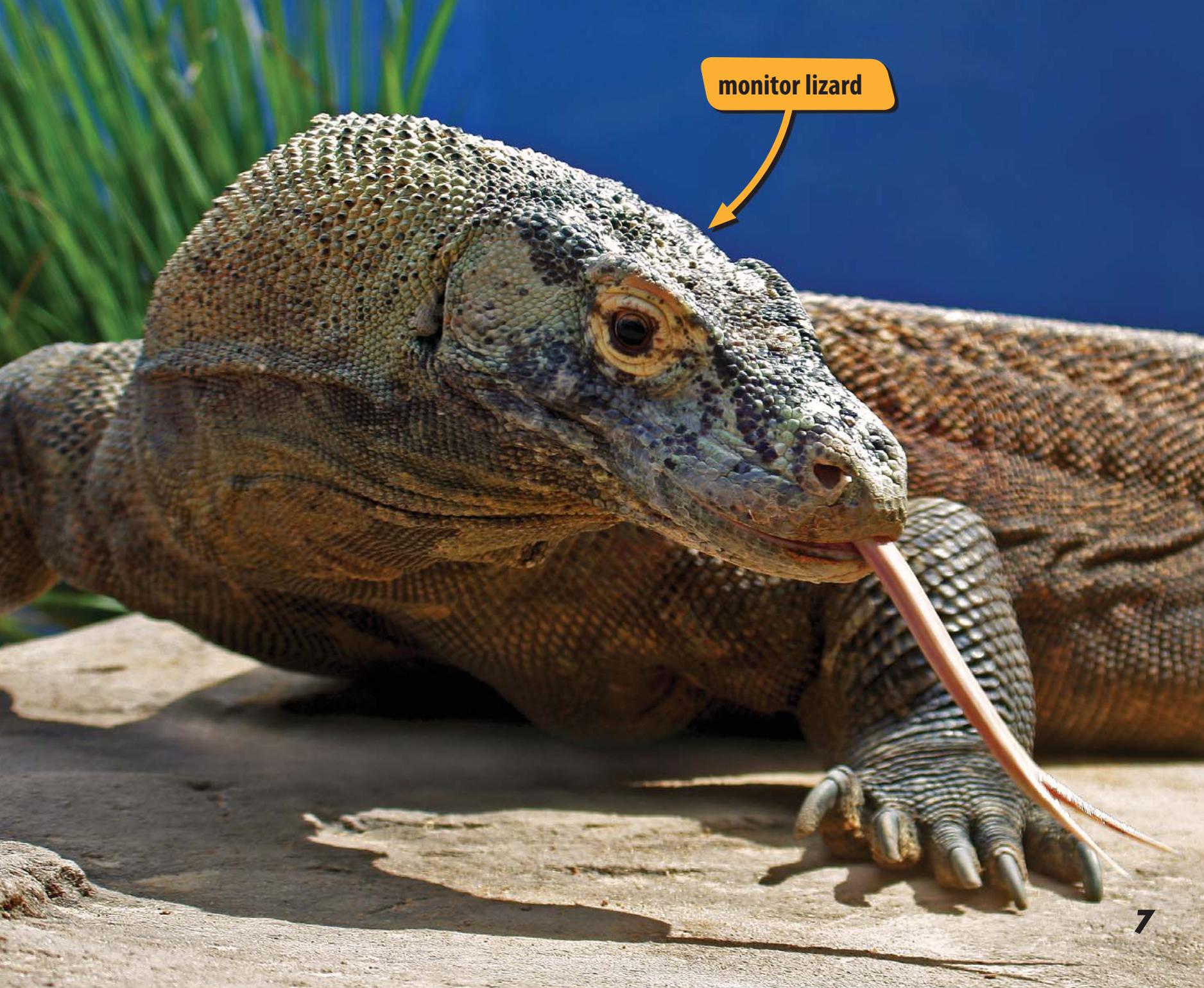


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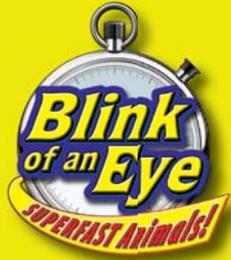
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Sprinting along at up to 21.7 miles per hour (35 kph), the black spiny-tailed iguana can move faster than any other reptile. First, however, it needs to soak up some sun. Otherwise, it won't have the energy it needs to get going. Look inside to find out more about this lightning-fast lizard, including where it lives, what it eats, and the special ways its body helps it reach its record-breaking speeds.

Black Spiny-Tailed Iguana
Lizard Lightning!

California Sea Lion
Fast & Smart!

Cheetah
Speed Demon!

Greyhound
Canine Blur!

Killer Whale
Water Bullet!

Peregrine Falcon
Dive, Dive, Dive!

Pronghorn
Long-Distance Runner!

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