

BEARDED DRAGON

DISTRIBUTION



These lizards are primarily terrestrial but can climb several feet up tree trunks and fence posts. They live in areas where food may be hard to find so they are not fussy eaters and have large stomachs to allow them to eat large quantities of food when found.

Pogona vitticeps

Bearded Dragons get their name from their ability to "puff out" a throat pouch that has prominent spikes formed from modified scales.



Bearded Dragons hatching at Linton Zoo, July 2007

Bearded dragons sometimes drink by standing in the rain with their back legs fully extended, so the rain drops run down their tail and body, arriving at their head, where they lick the drops off.

FACTS & FIGURES

Where found	Australia
Habitat	Tropical dry forest, woodland, scrubland, desert
Diet	Fruit, vegetables and small insects
Average length	13-24 inches
Number of eggs	15 - 30
Incubation	50-70 days
Average lifespan	8-12 years

International Union for Conservation of Nature RED LIST for the Bearded Dragon

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NEAR THREATENED
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THE RISK OF EXTINCTION FOR THIS SPECIES HAS CURRENTLY NOT BEEN ASSESSED IUCN RED LIST

