

Pygmy Short-horned Lizard

(Phrynosoma douglassii)



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How to Identify:

- They are smaller than greater short-horned lizard, pygmies are about 1.3 to 2.5 inches long.
- They have short legs and flat bodies.
- They have spines that crown their head and along their back.
- They have one row of pointed scales around their body but the rest of their scales are flat.

Momma pygmy lizards can have up to 15 live young at one time!

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Habitat:

- They are found in the northwest United States and southern British Columbia.
- They range from semiarid plains to mountainous areas.
- Can be found in prairies, sagebrush deserts, and forests.
- In City of Rocks National Reserve, they have been found in the sagebrush-covered valleys, like south of the Twin Sisters.



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Help Protect the Pygmy Short-horned Lizard

- Stay on designated trails when hiking or biking. Pygmy short-horned lizards are very good at hiding in plain sight!
- Do not drive ATVs or other vehicles where not permitted.
- Protect habitat from encroaching agricultural and urban development.
- Do not keep wild lizards as pets.

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Fun Facts!

- Although they might look a little like a toad, they are reptiles not amphibians.
- They love to eat ants!

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