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Range: North American Southwest

Habitat: Desert

Diet: Herbivorous (Rotting plants and seeds)

Ecological Role: Scavengers

Lifespan: 8 years

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Fun Facts!

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Though the beetle appears blue, it is actually black!



The blue color comes from a waxy substance secreted by the beetle to protect it from intense heat and dehydration!



When threatened, the beetles roll over and play dead until danger passes!



Although you can readily find these animals as pets, they are collected from the wild and require a permit!