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# Animals of Shark Bay

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Thorny devil



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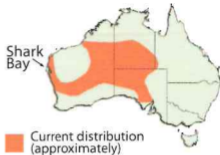
(*Moloch horridus*)

Thorny devils have horns above their eyes and a strange spiked hump behind their head. Thorny devils have orange, yellow, brown and white markings and can change their colours depending on the surroundings. These lizards can eat more than 1,000 ants a day. To drink, they can channel water along and between their scales from their feet to their mouth.

**Length:** 10–20 centimetres

**Weight:** 33–88 grams

## Distribution Map



**Habitat:** Living in sand, spinifex grasslands and scrub throughout the arid regions of Western Australia, the Northern Territory, south-west Queensland and western South Australia.

**Diet:** Ants.